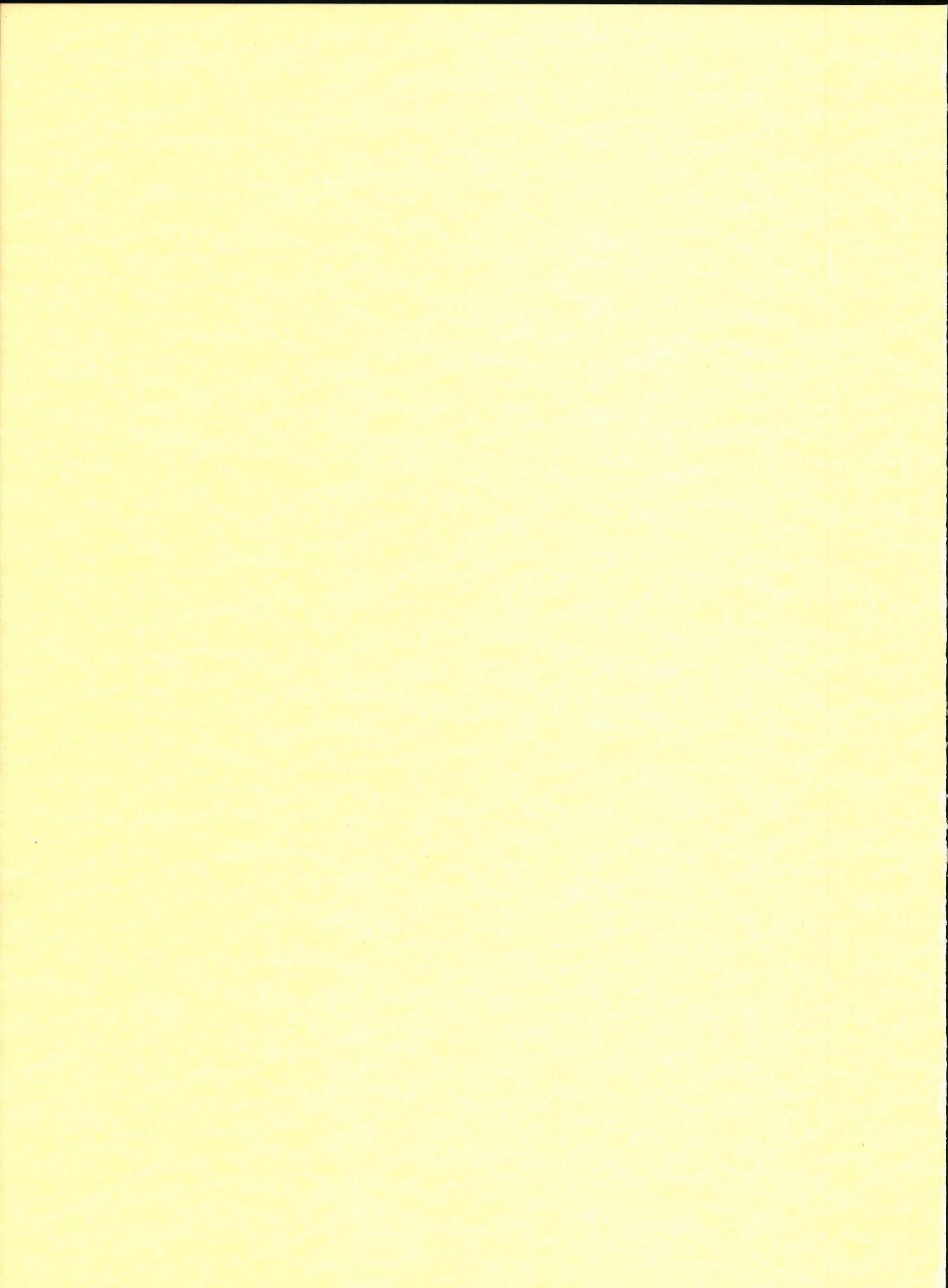




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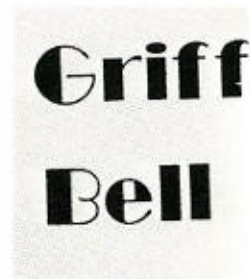
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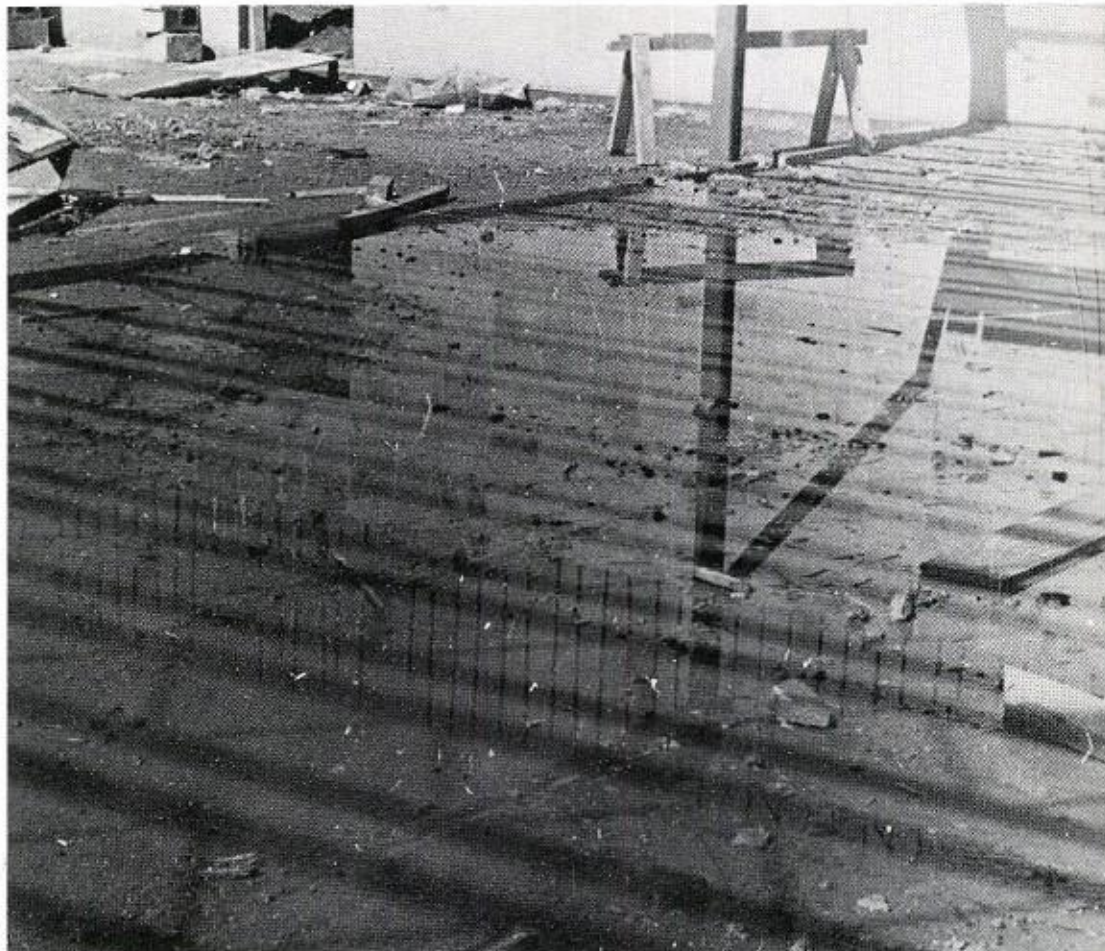
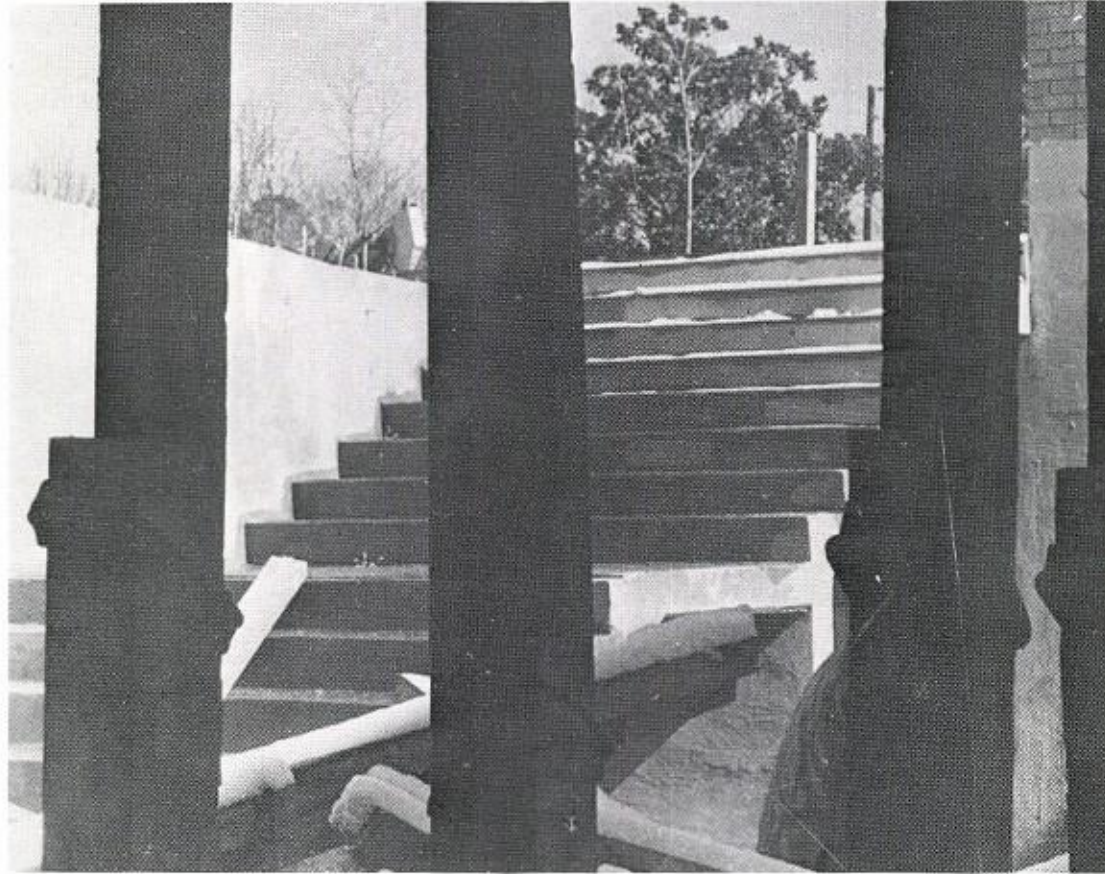
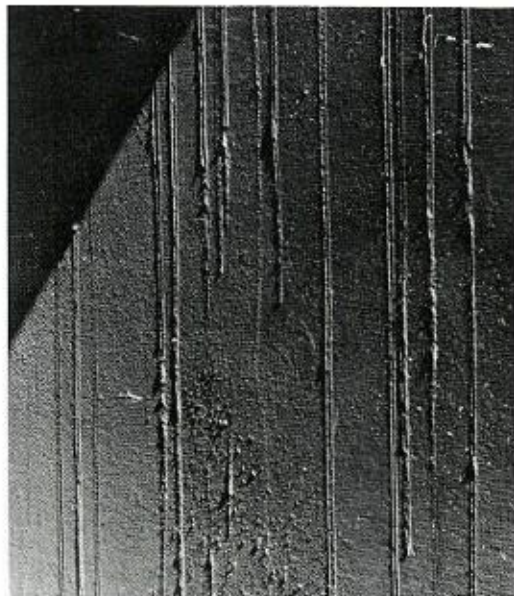
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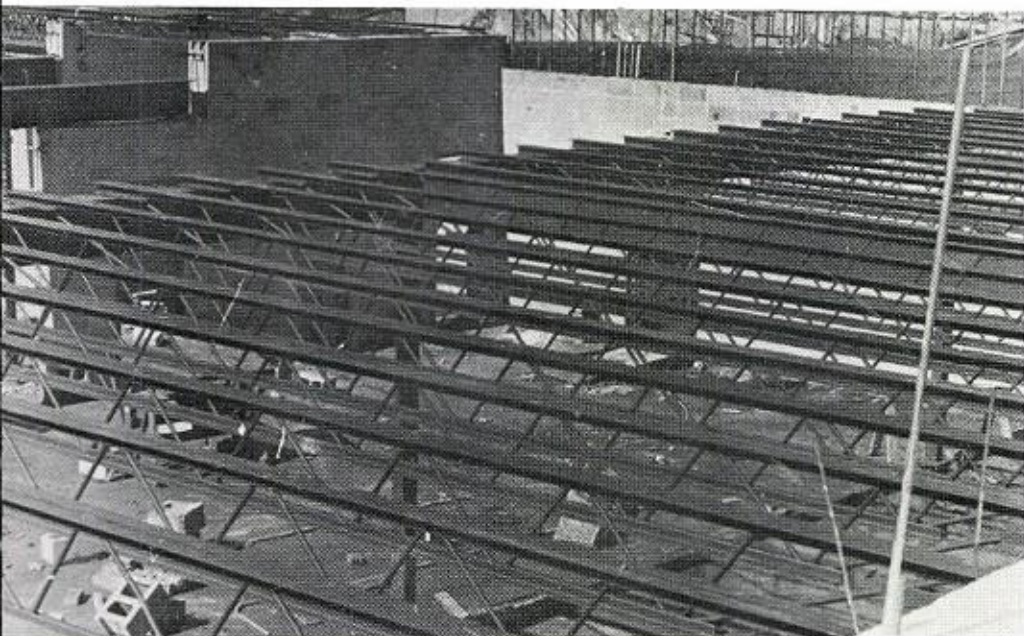


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One example of growing is the addition of something new. Just as a tree acquires a new branch, Americus High School has acquired a new wing.

This new wing is the comprehensive section, otherwise known as the Vo/TECH wing.





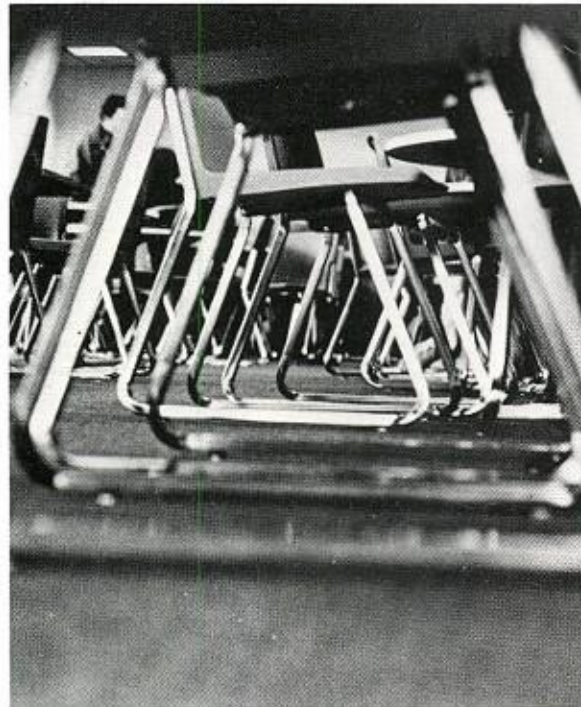
In the words of Spencer Davis, Superintendent of the City Schools, "Schools are students." Schools should meet the needs of the students by offering classes that will prepare them for their futures.

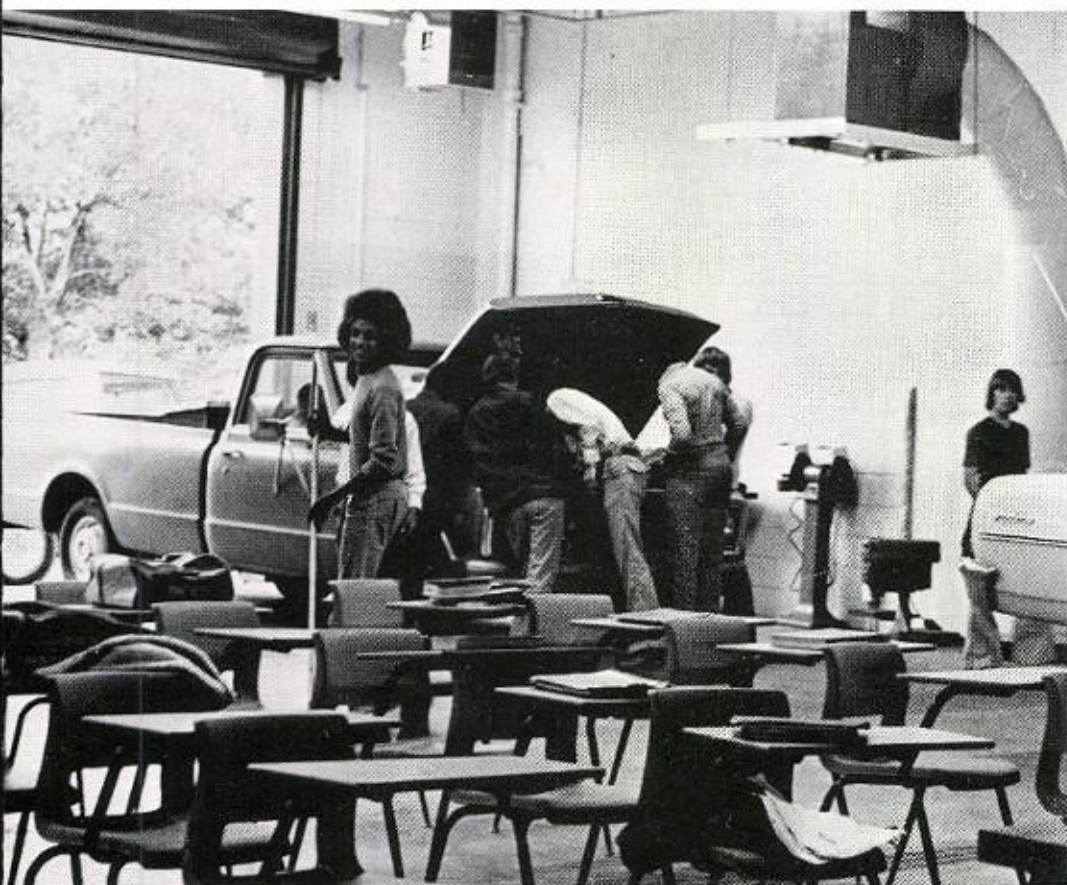
In the past, schools have been accomplishing this by offering mainly academic courses. Then educators began to realize that a large portion of students were not headed for college and that they weren't preparing them for their futures as well as they could be. The concept of a vocational wing was born!



The construction on the Comprehensive Vocational Wing at Americus High School began in May of 1977. It includes a series of vocational classrooms and a 35,000 sq. ft. lunchroom with a seating capacity of 440. The approximate cost of the wing was \$1,000,000.

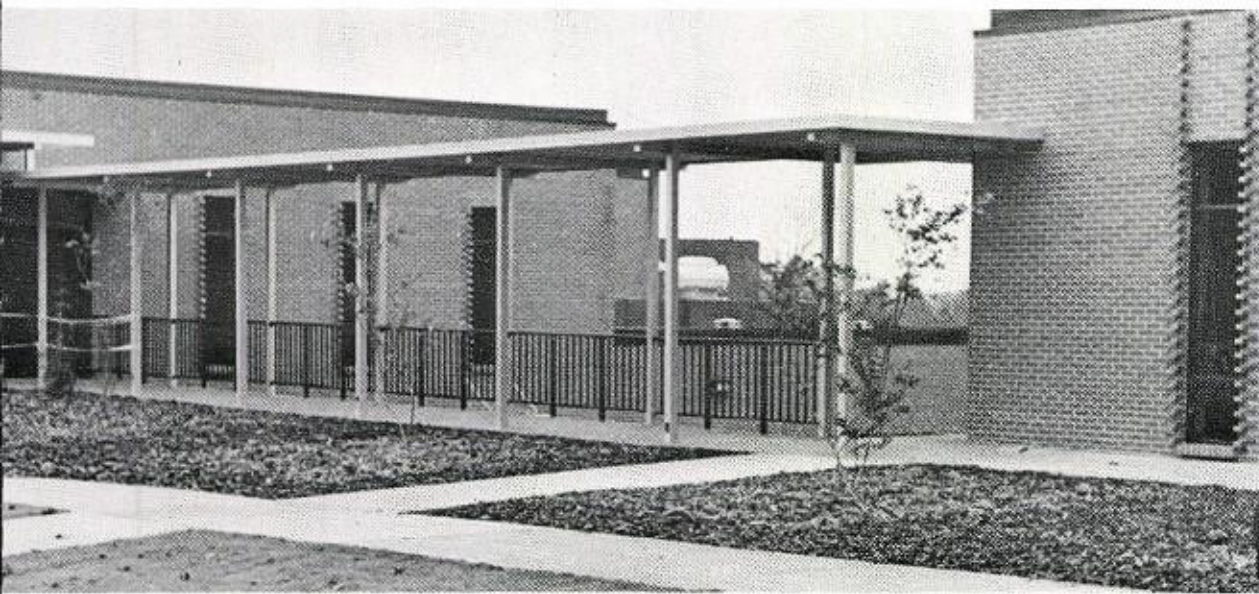
But as Supt. Davis says, "The figures are not important, what is important is what goes on in the new wing."

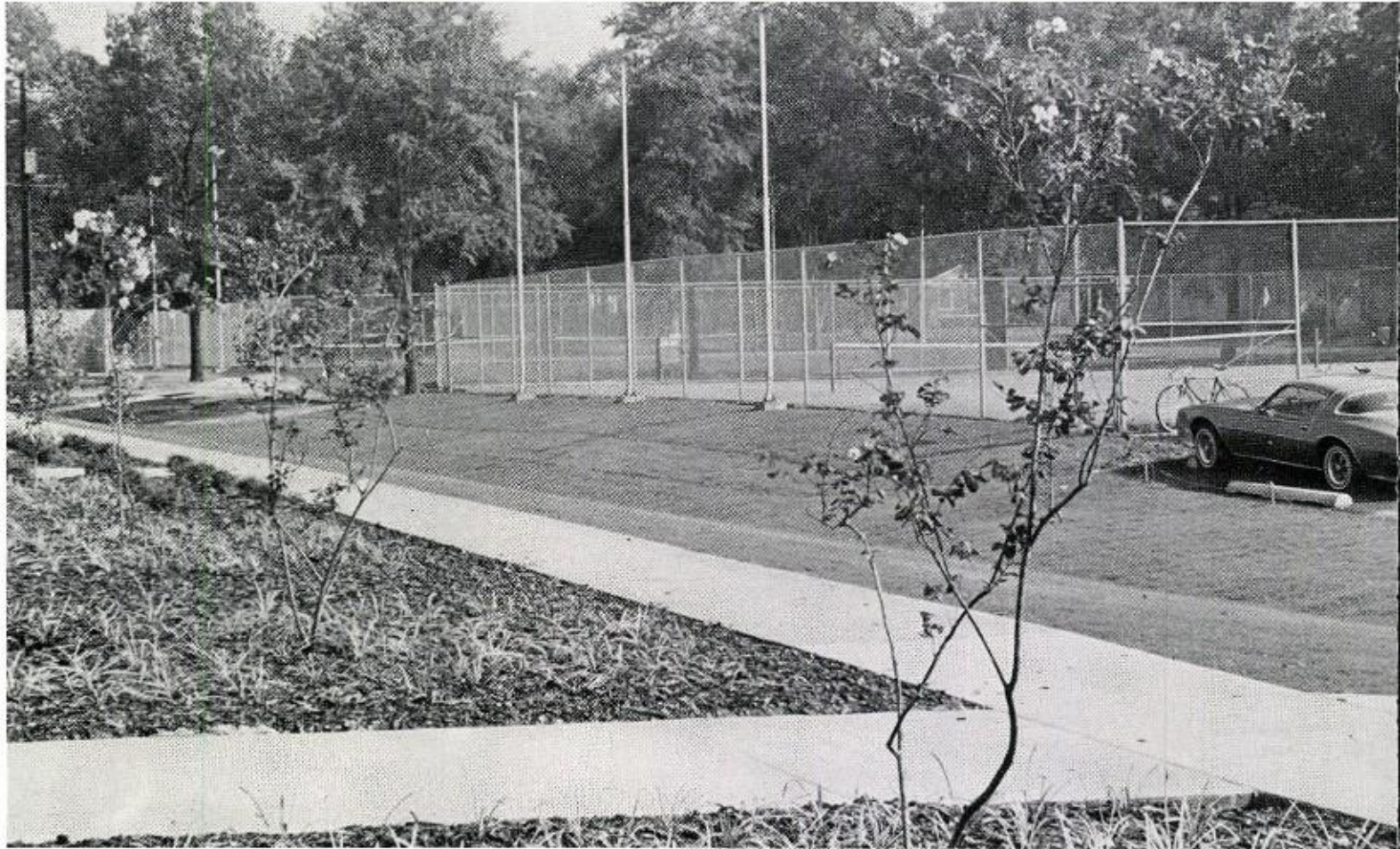
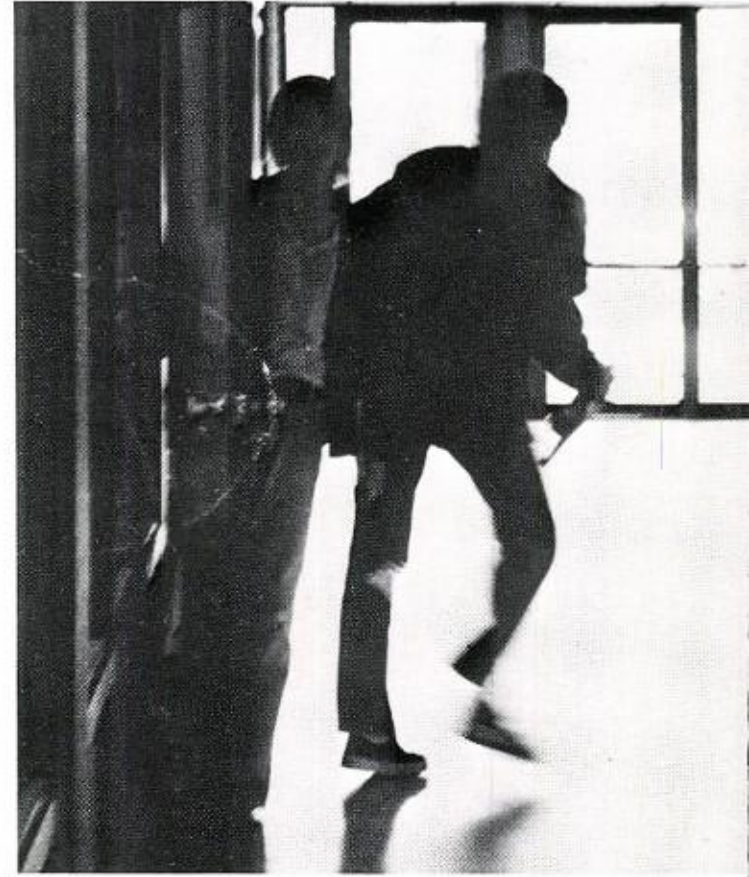




In the days before a comprehensive wing, there was an overabundance of unemployed college graduates. Vocational students are more hopeful about their future employment situation because they have been taught marketable skills. The comprehensive wing is accomplishing its goal: to meet students' needs now and for the future.



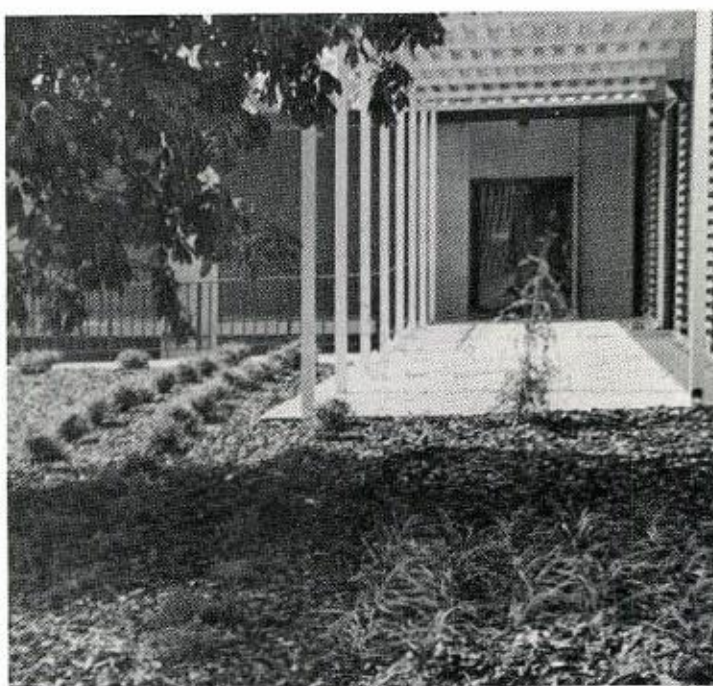
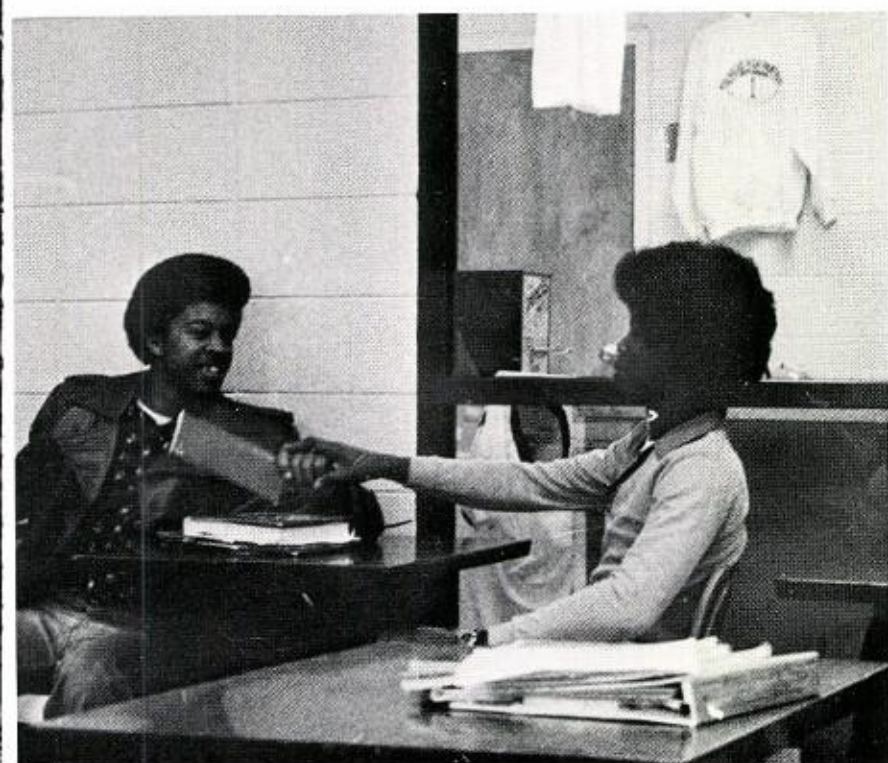




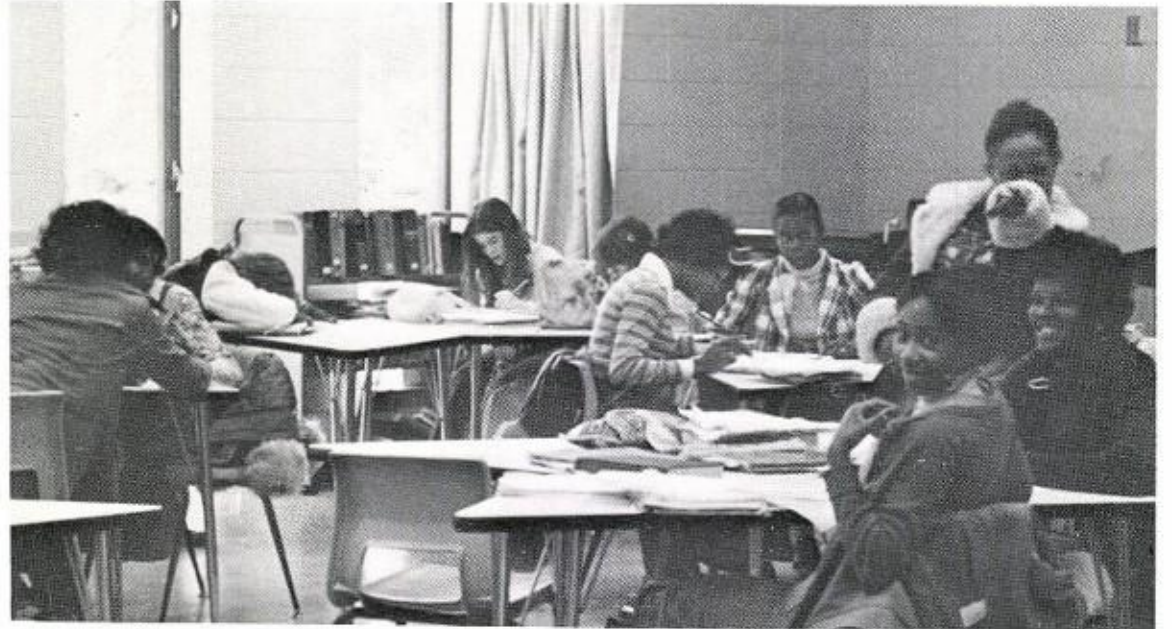
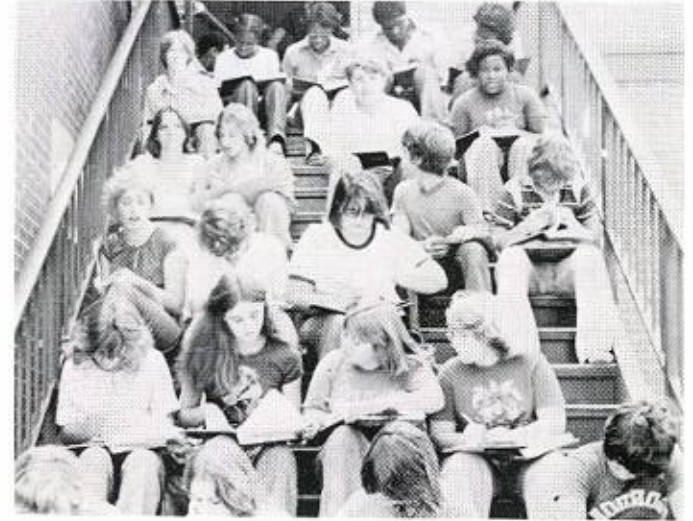


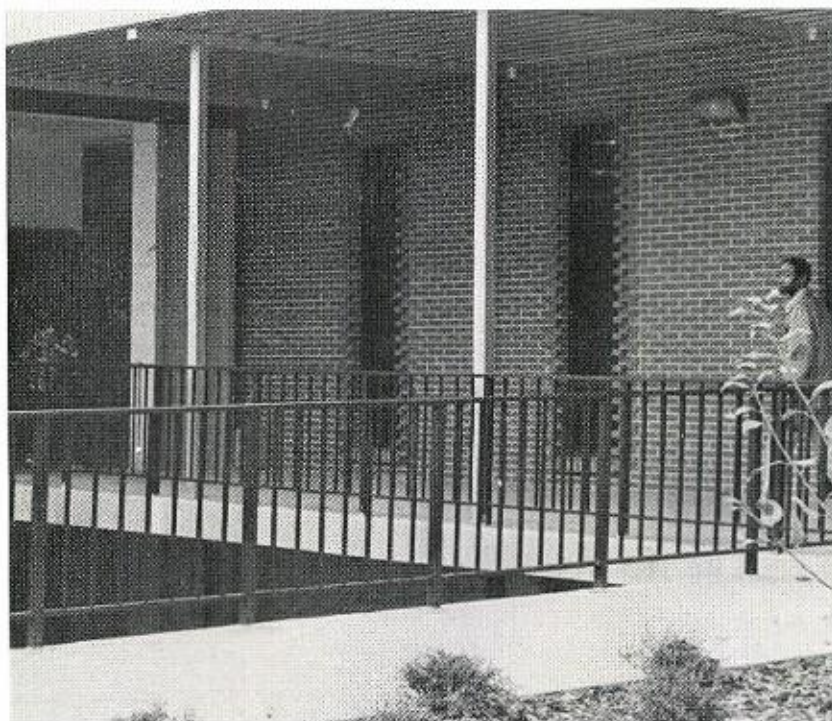
Drafting, VOT, DE, and Construction are offered in the new wing. Also offered are Transportation, Health Occupations, and Business classes.

According to Dale Gordon, Director of the Comp. Wing, participation in the program is great, and he expects it to be even greater next year.

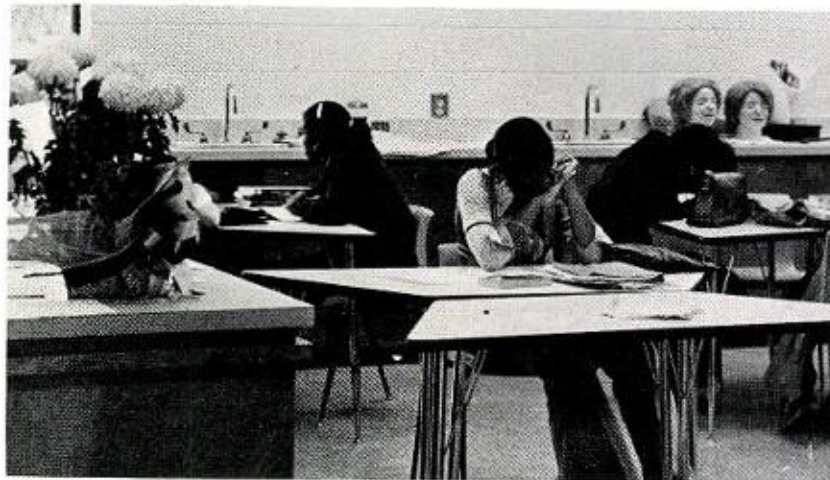
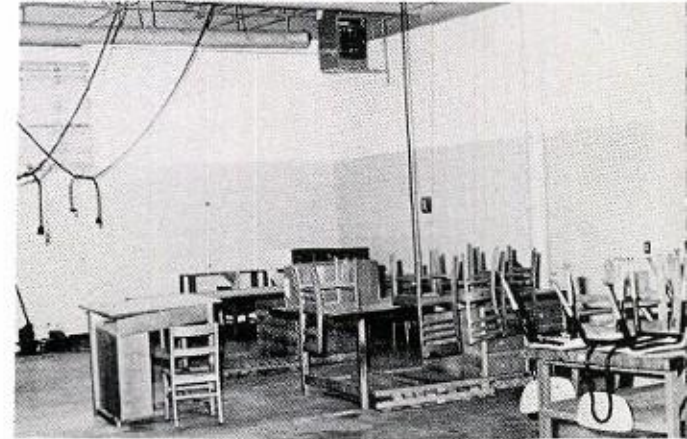
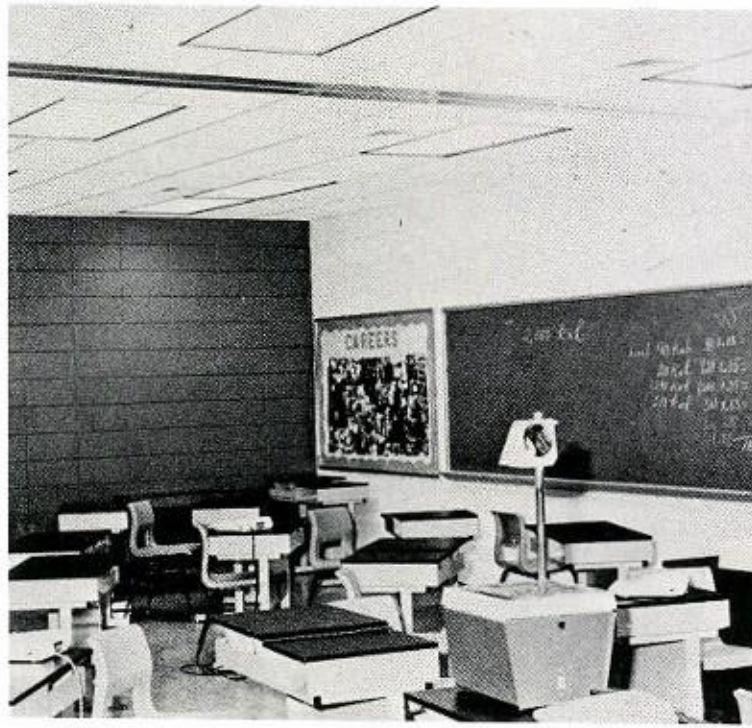


The students of A. H. S. are offered a unique opportunity in the comprehensive wing. They are given the chance to take advantage of a wide range of course offerings. These courses include almost every aspect of vocational and technical education. They are designed to teach students a useful skill to be applied in later life. This program is, in most cases, an alternative method of education to college.





The finished product is an attractive modern building that is the pride of the whole community.



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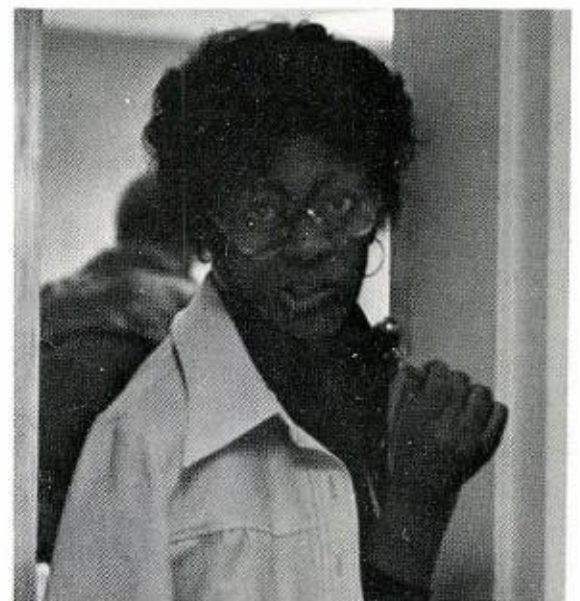
In 1970 a bright, enthusiastic English teacher arrived at Americus High School.

She became immediately involved with her students as people, and for the past 7 years has helped them grow into competent young adults.



She has been growing with A.H.S. since that first day.

She has developed a loving loyalty to Americus High School and a sincere interest in her students. Her classes are a world of adventure and pleasure as she strives to produce mature, responsible attitudes in her students. She can often be seen making a second trip to her car to carry the extra work home. She always has a warm smile and a rare understanding for every person she meets. As A.H.S. continues to grow, she continues to grow as a person. She is a lady and a professional. Proudly we dedicate the 1978 Panther yearbook to you,
Mrs. Effie Monroe Daniels.



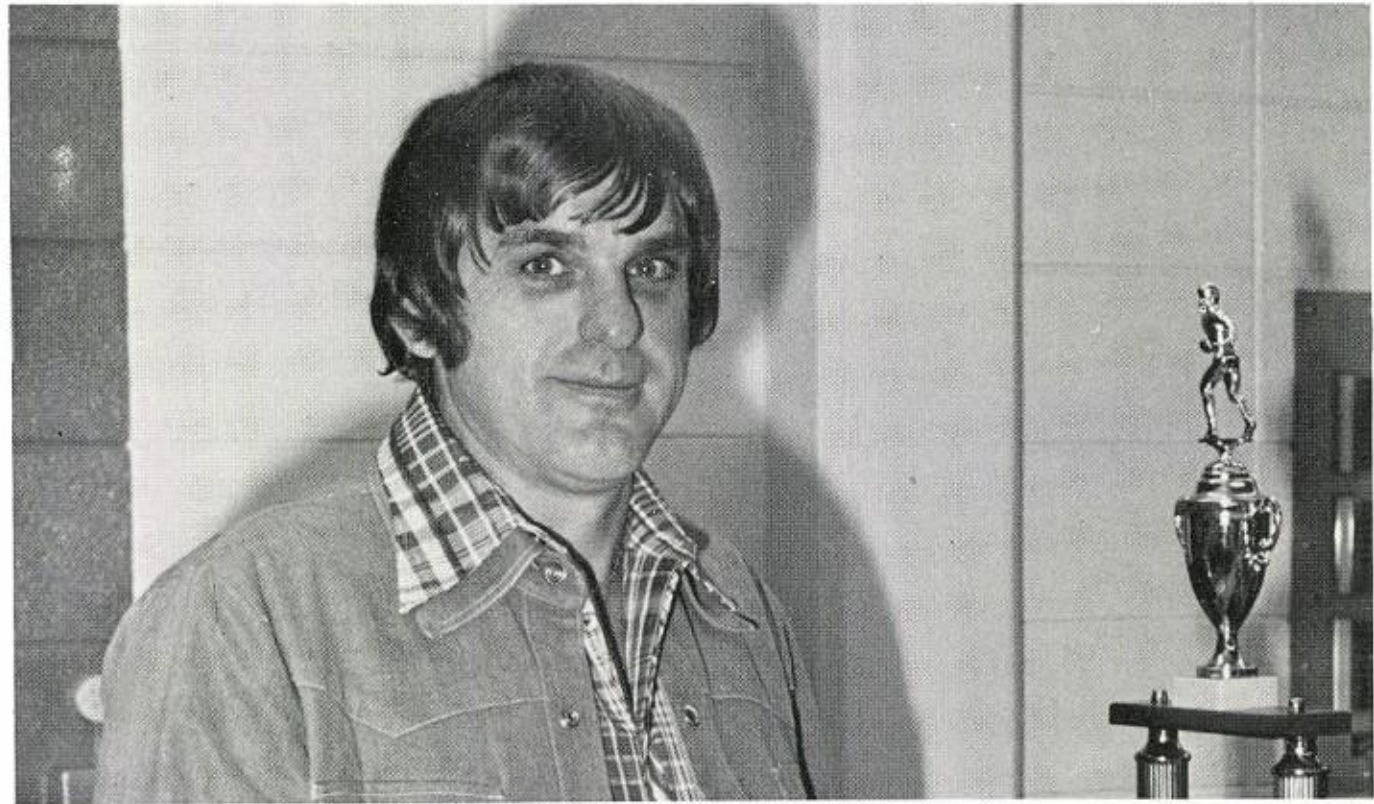


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Principal



Coach Doug Parrish
Assistant Principal
Coach



Mr. Dale Gordon
Vocational Director



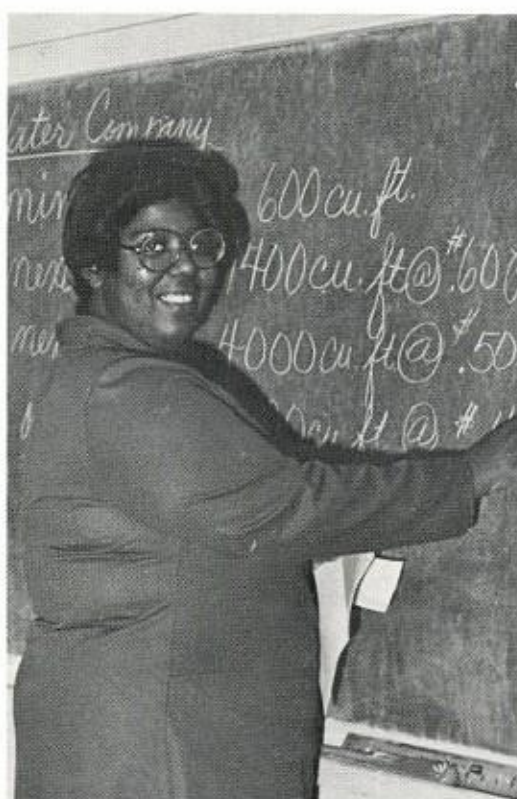
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Secretary



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Math



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Reading

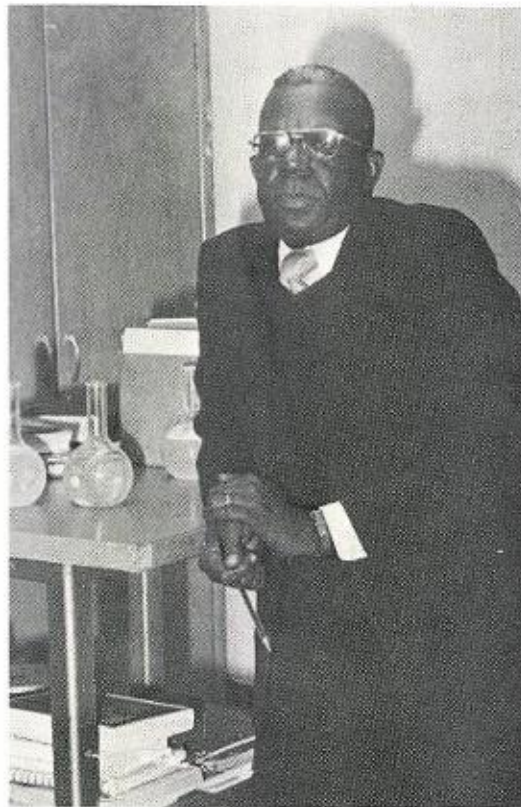


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Art



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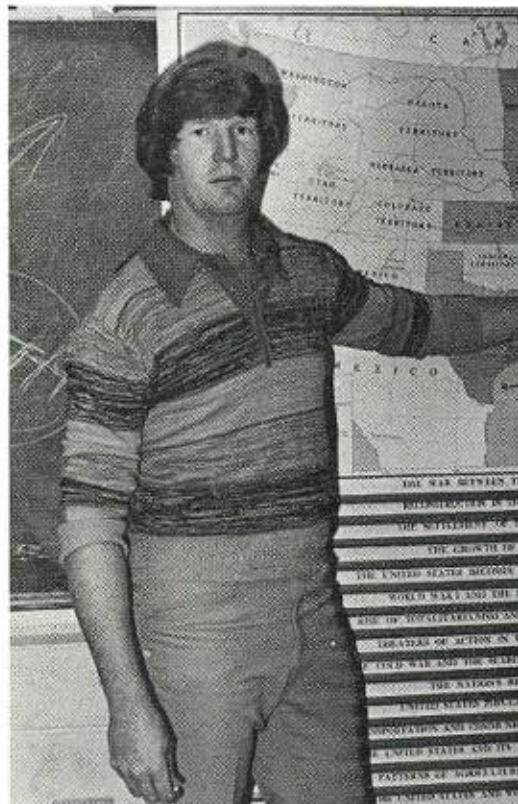
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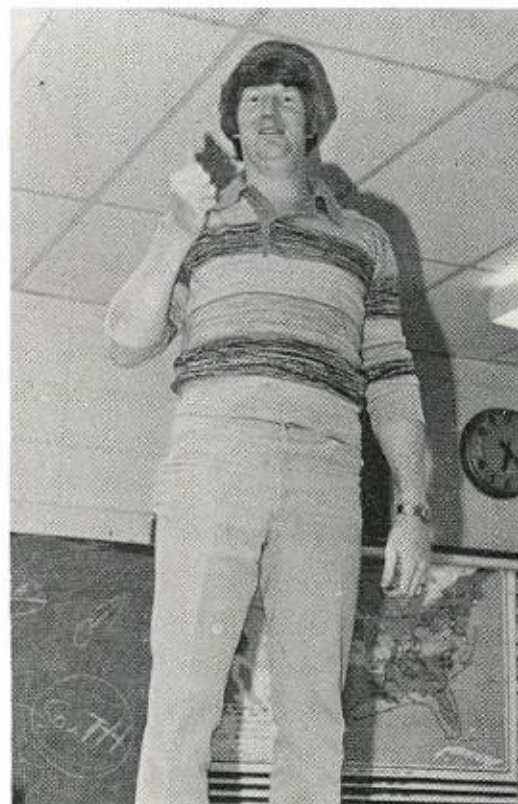
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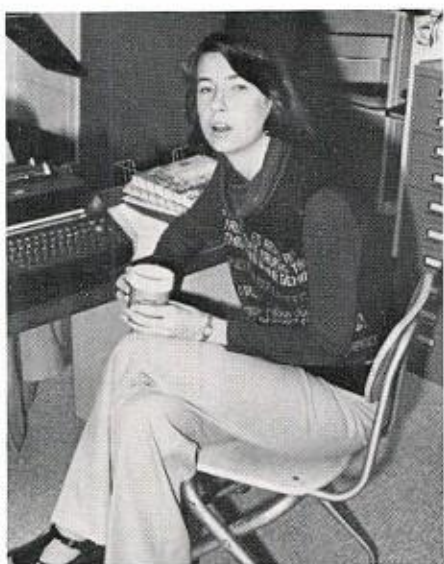
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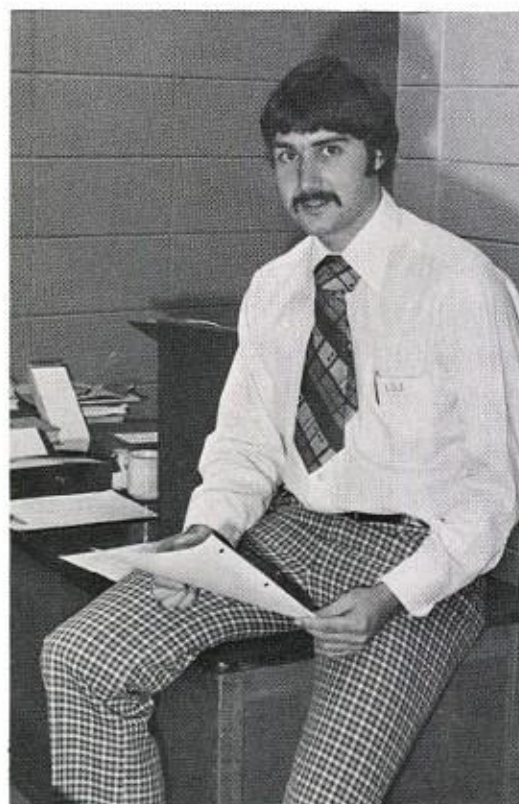
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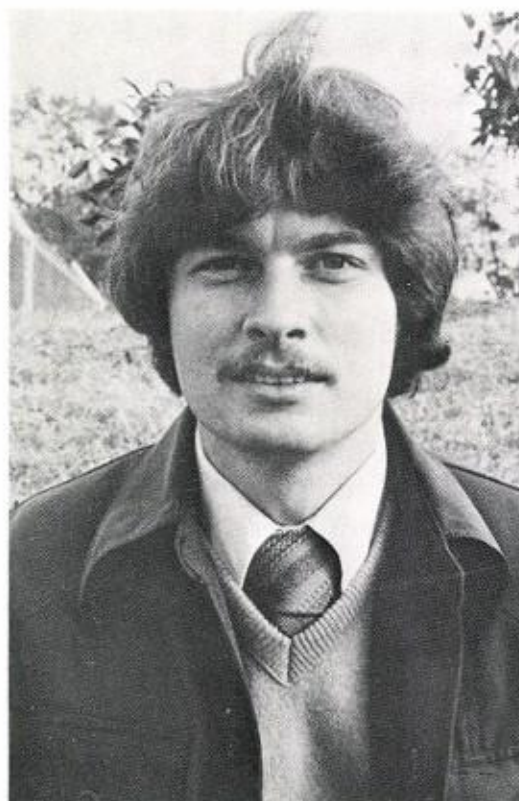
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Band Director



Miss Jo Maxye McKenzie
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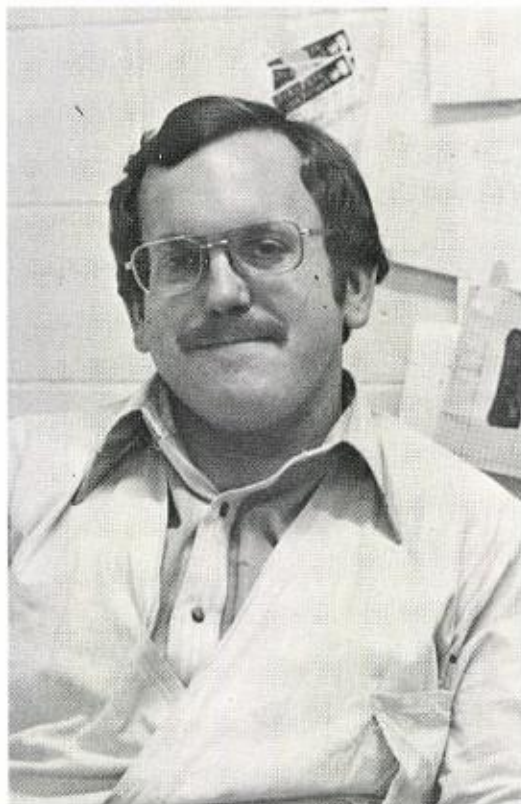
Mr. Clyde McGrady
Driver's Education
Coach



As A. H. S. grows physically it also grows as an educational experience. The sleek new chairs in the ultra-modern lunchroom seem coincidental when compared to the unique relationship between students and faculty at Americus High.

The opportunities available in the new Vo-Tech Wing and the array of fresh, enthusiastic new teachers is merely an extension of the genuine concern of our experienced faculty. Not only is Mr. McGrady adept at teaching young people to drive, but he is equally talented at removing frowns from the faces of temporarily troubled students by whipping out his Swampgoose spy-pen. And Miss McKenzie can instill hope in the most pessimistic of potential college freshmen. One good opossum joke from Mr. Dorrough is enough to change snarls of the D+ blues into light-hearted chuckles.

Yes—you may sit now, chin sternly planted in hand, trying to make heads or tails of Mrs. Dotson's word problems, but soon enough you'll hear Coach Parrish or Mrs. Banks lend an air of dignity to the paging of a student, and you'll probably smile just a little.



Mr. Mulkie McMichael
Graphic Arts



Mr. Eric Mance
Special Education
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Miss Theresa Mansfield
Social Science



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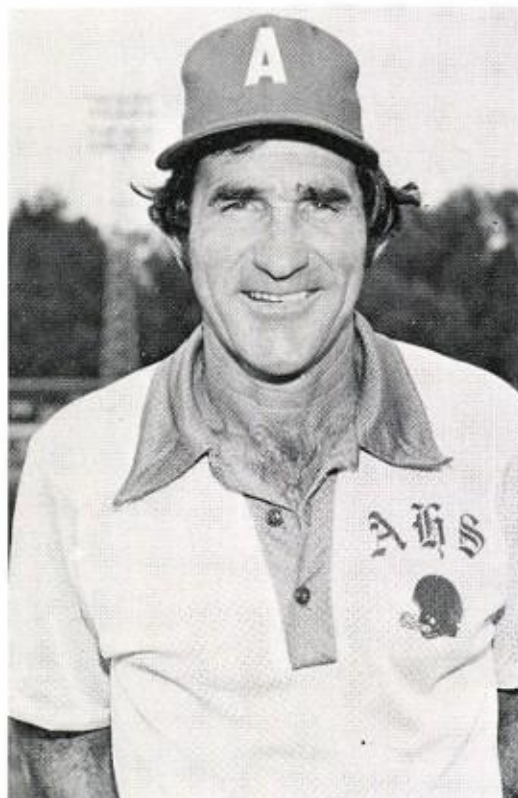
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Vocational Secretary

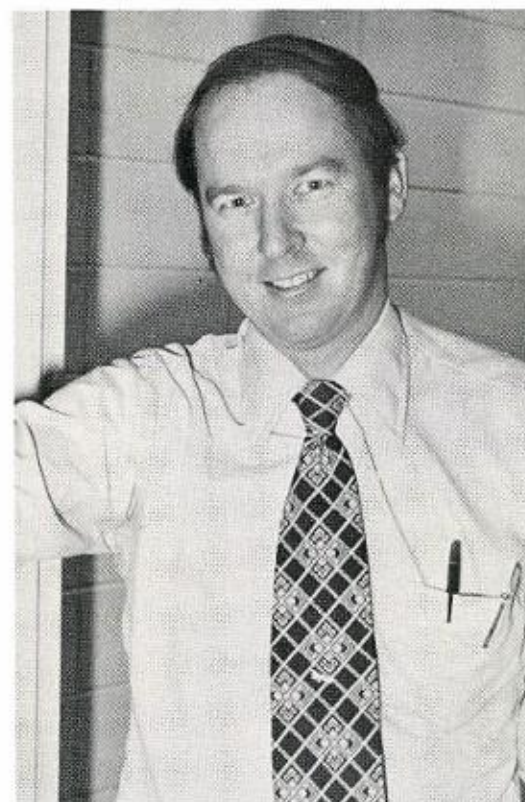
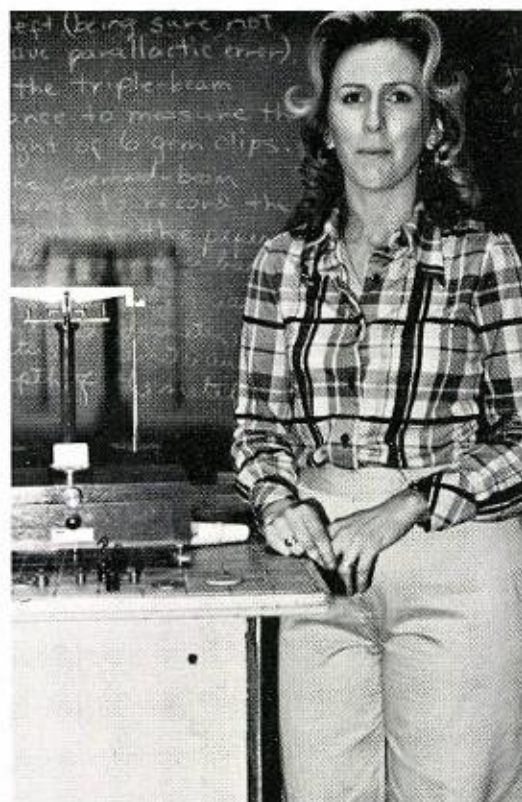
Why on earth would anyone want to be a teacher? They are underpaid and overworked. They are faced with 150 students daily, no two of whom are alike, and the teacher must cater to them as individuals.

There are some teachers who go beyond the call of duty. They sponsor clubs and organizations, help with floats for homecoming parades, become advisors for math and debate teams, and take unruly students on field trips. They receive no special recognition for these feats; still they continue to teach. Why?

Perhaps they are driven by some strange desire to torture themselves.

One teacher stated her reason for teaching as, "wanting to be closer to young people." Another said that the job market in other fields was saturated. A particularly disturbed educator was heard to say, "I do it for the money. Ha, Ha."

Obviously, our faculty is driven by some element other than fame and fortune. Perhaps they ARE crazy—or maybe they just like us.



Miss Sue Statham
Science

Mr. Perry Thomason
Math



Mrs. Barbara Vance
Social Science

Mr. Jeff VanTone
Physical Education
Coach

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Automotive Mechanics



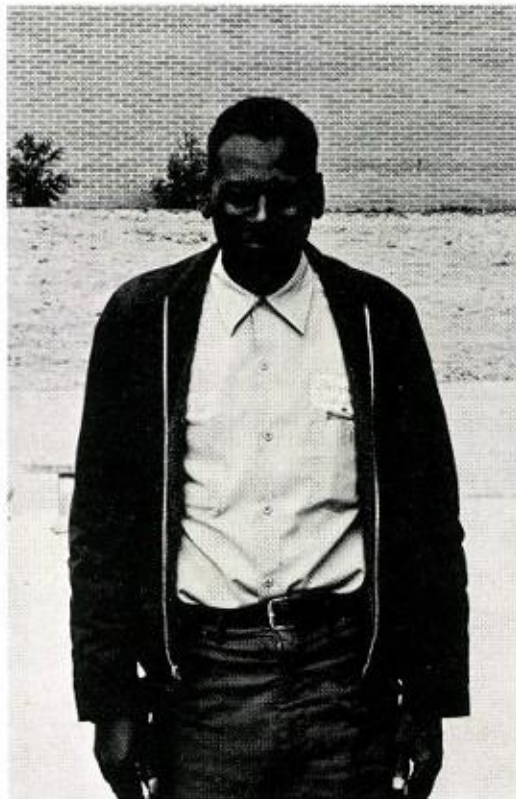
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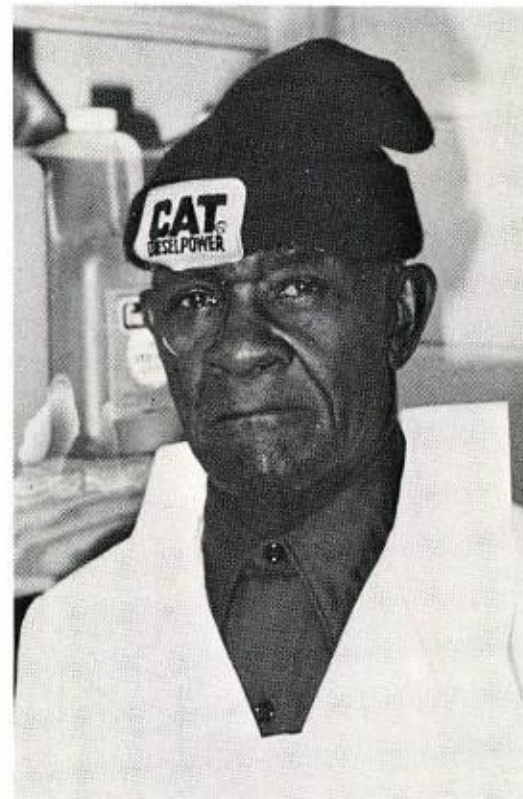
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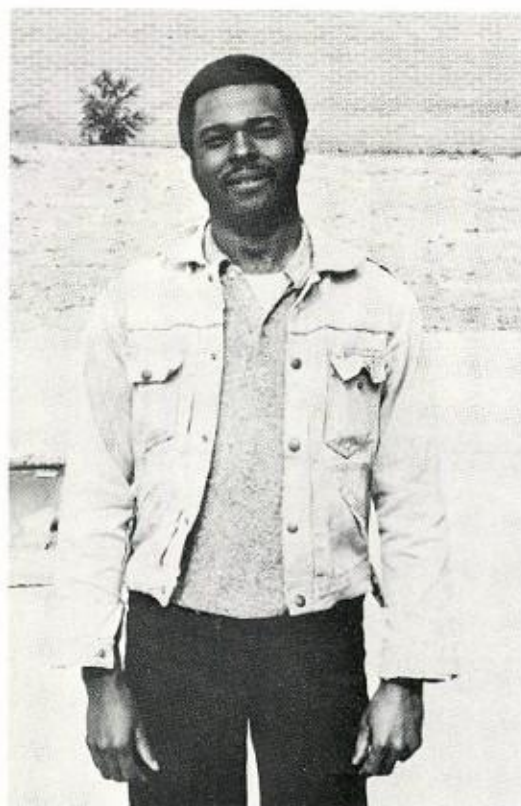


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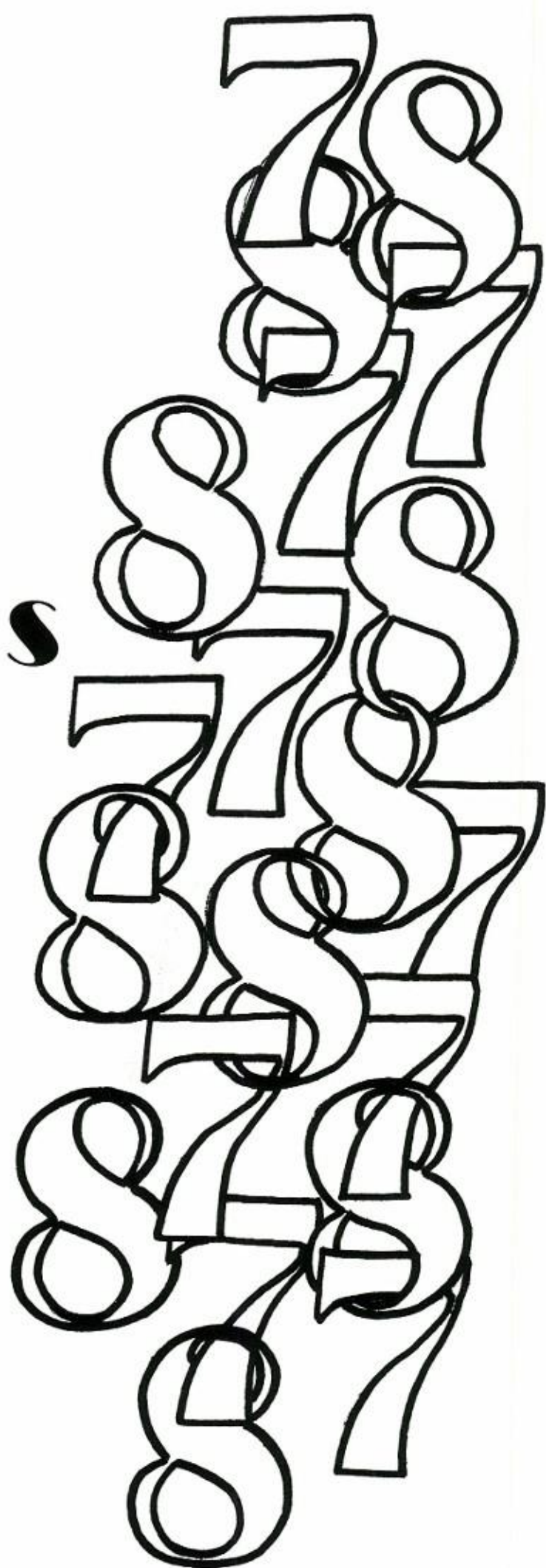
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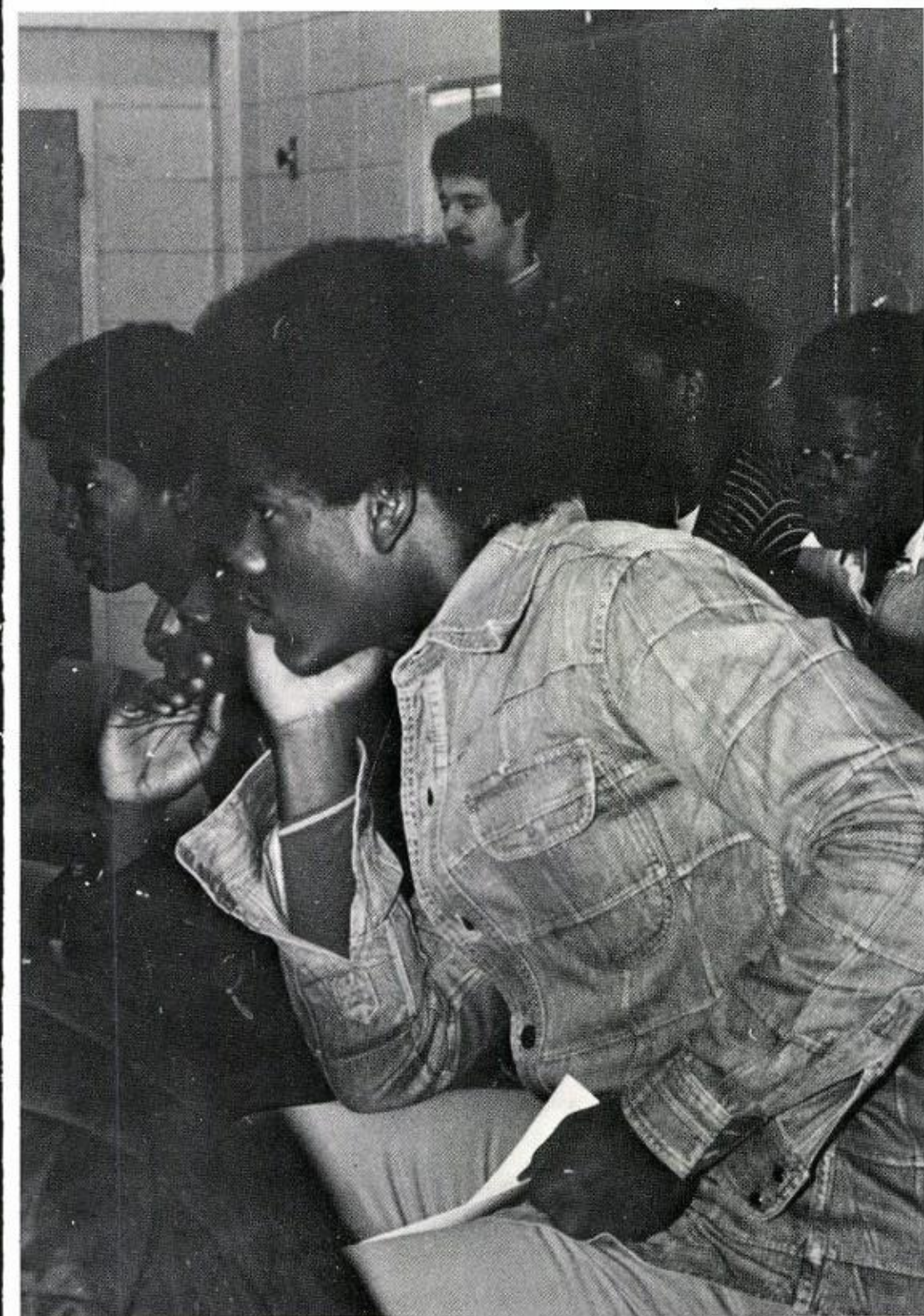


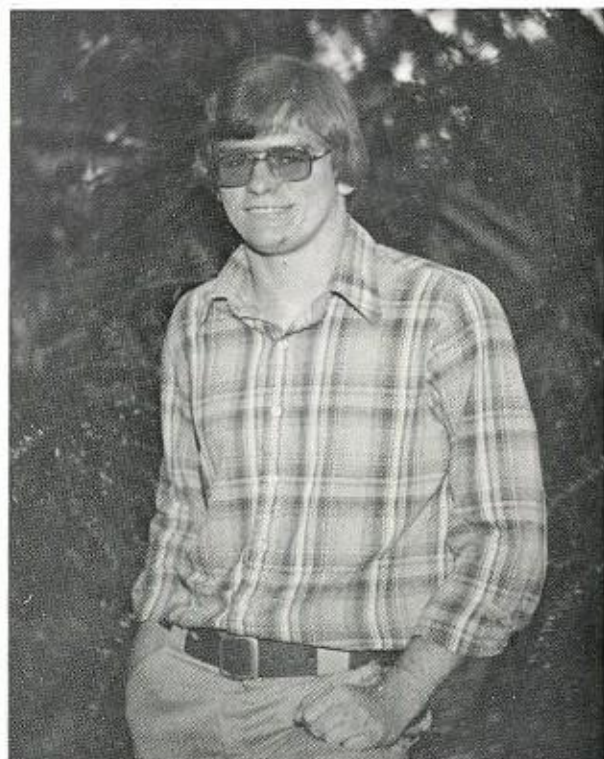
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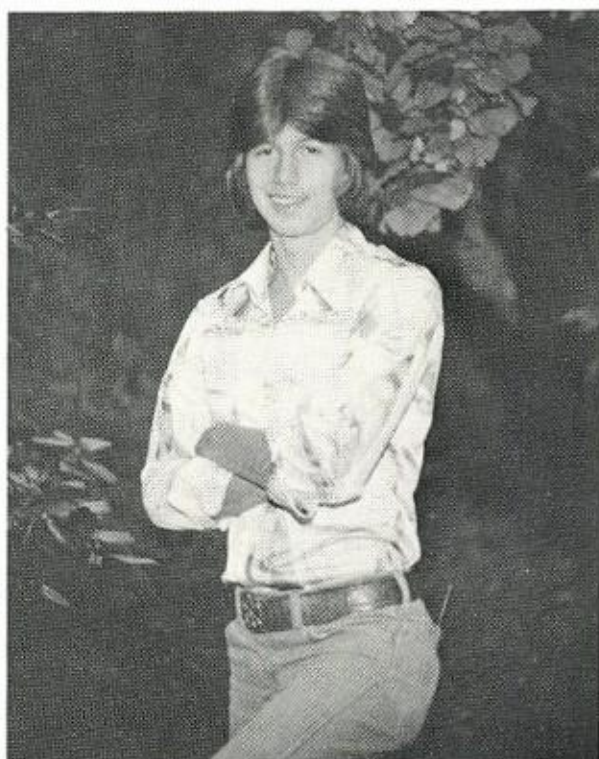
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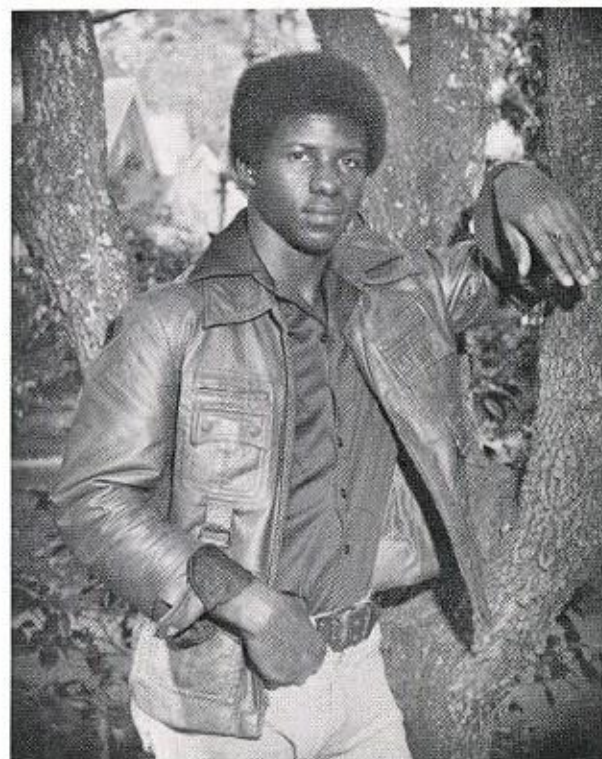
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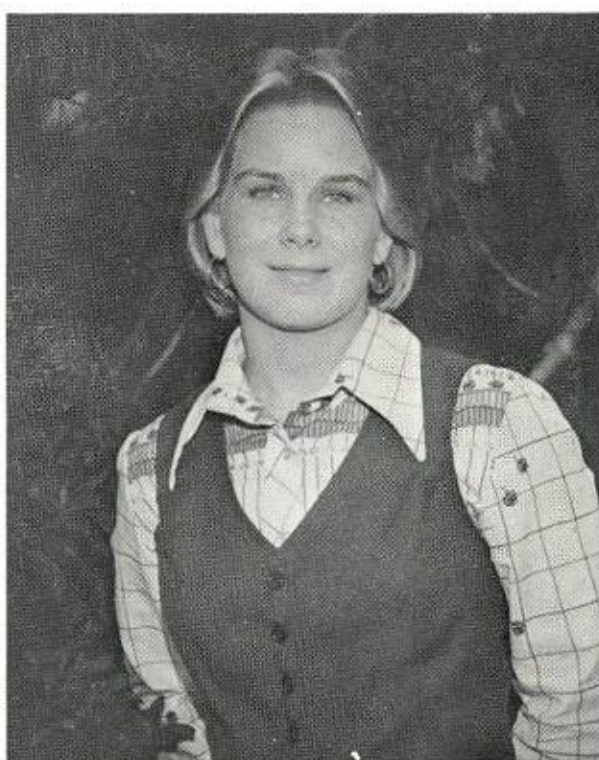
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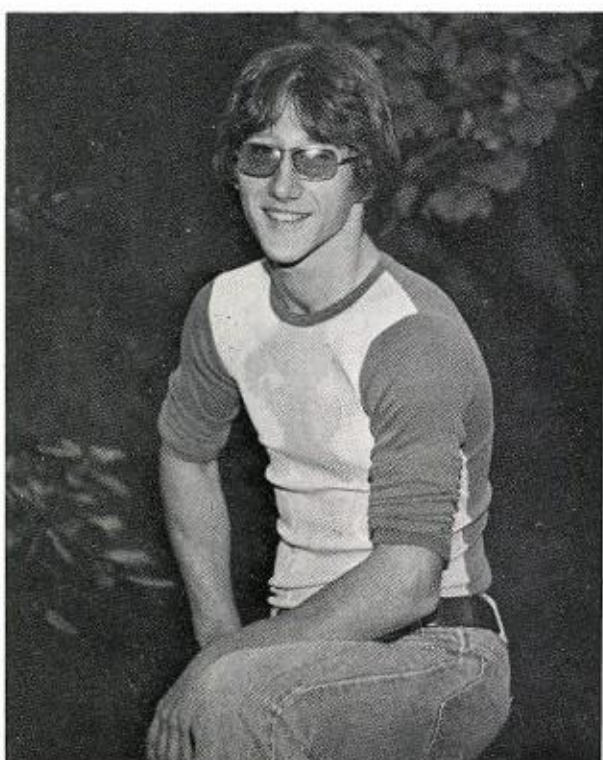
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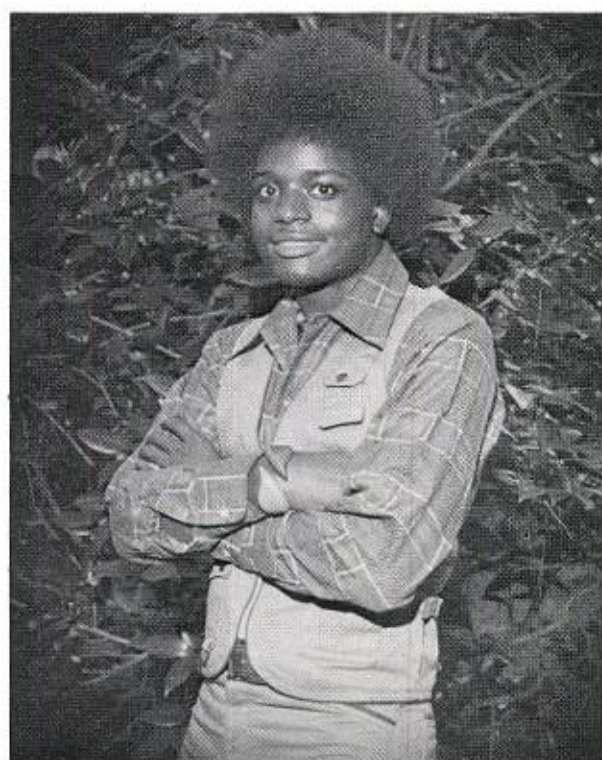
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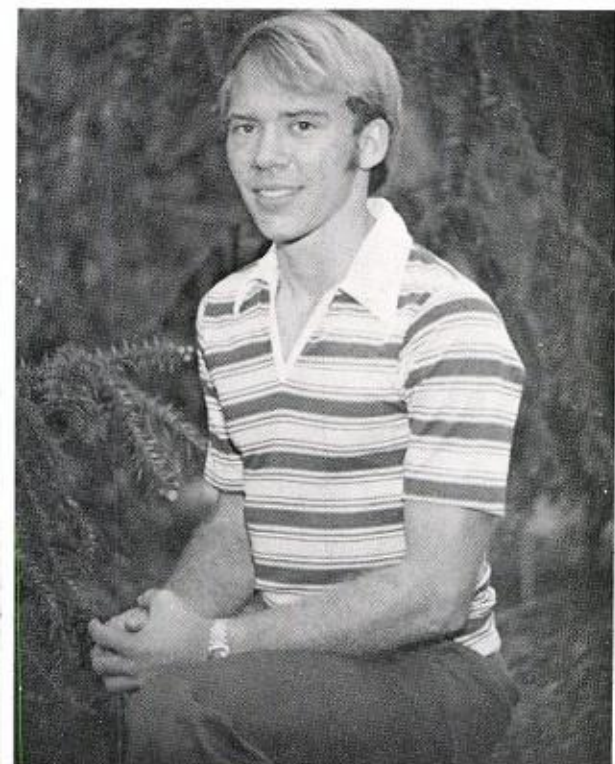
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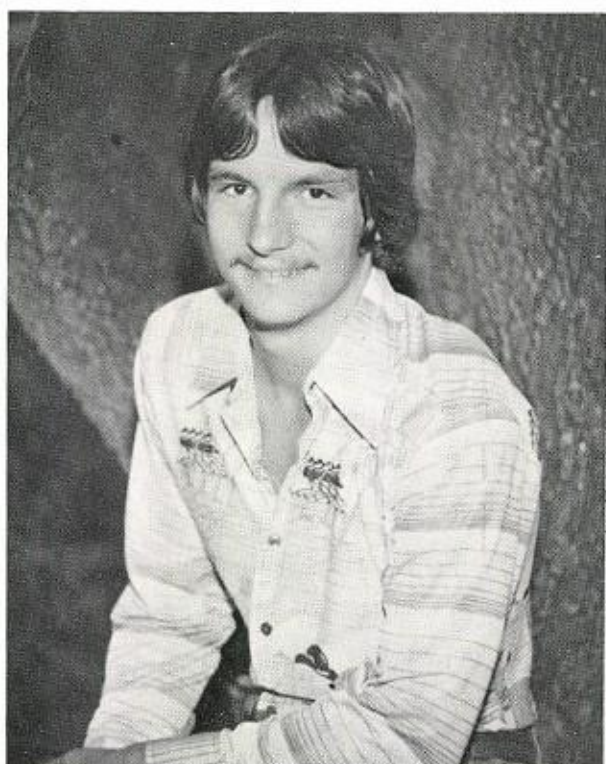
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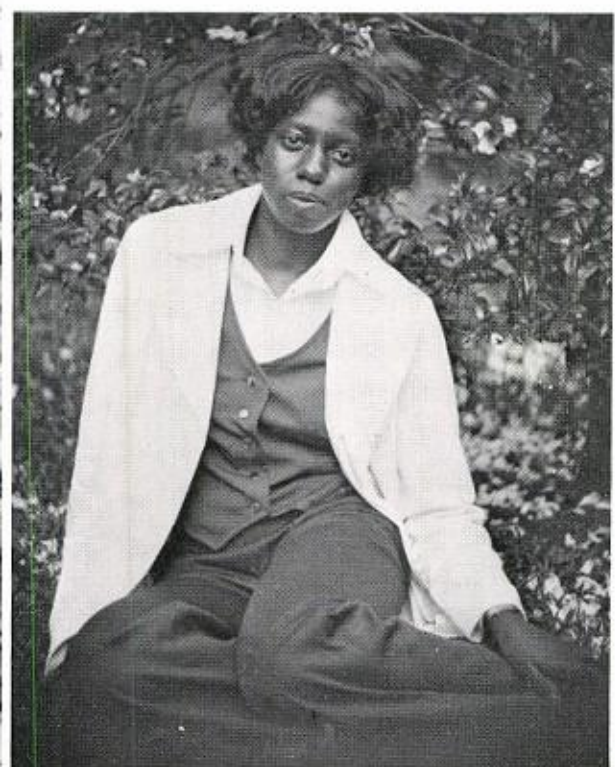
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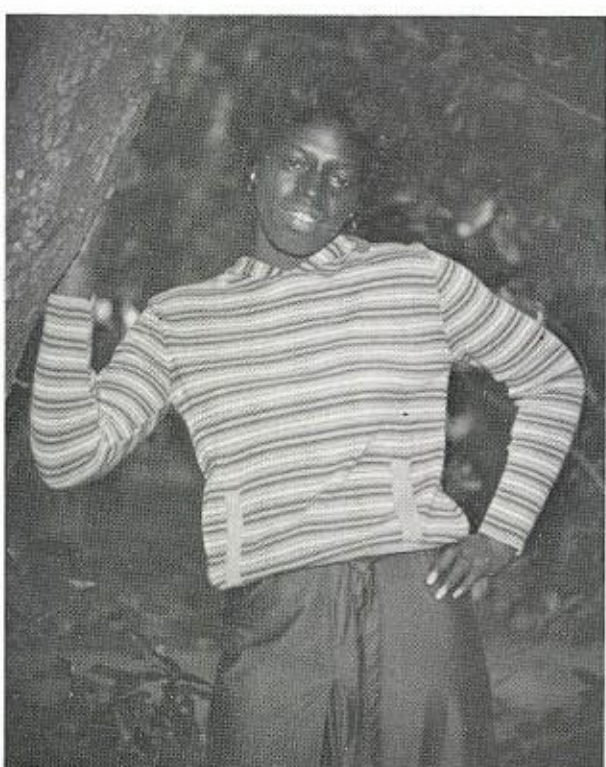
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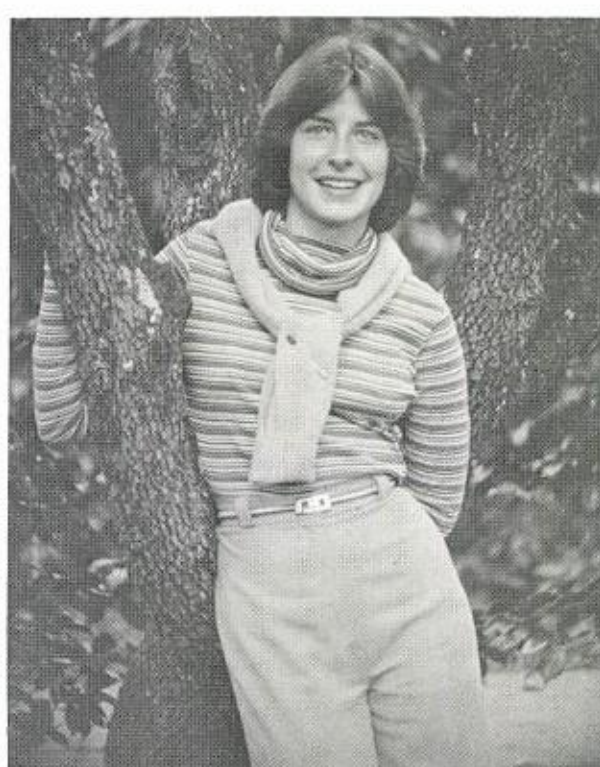
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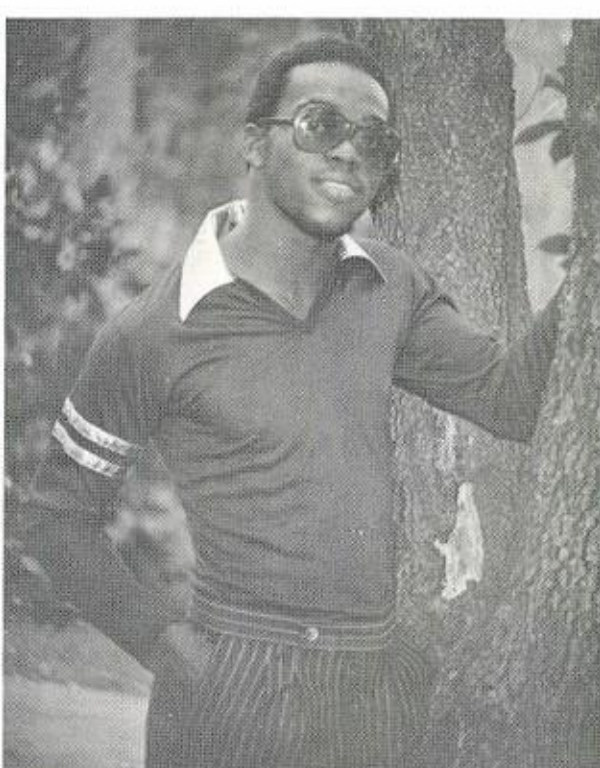
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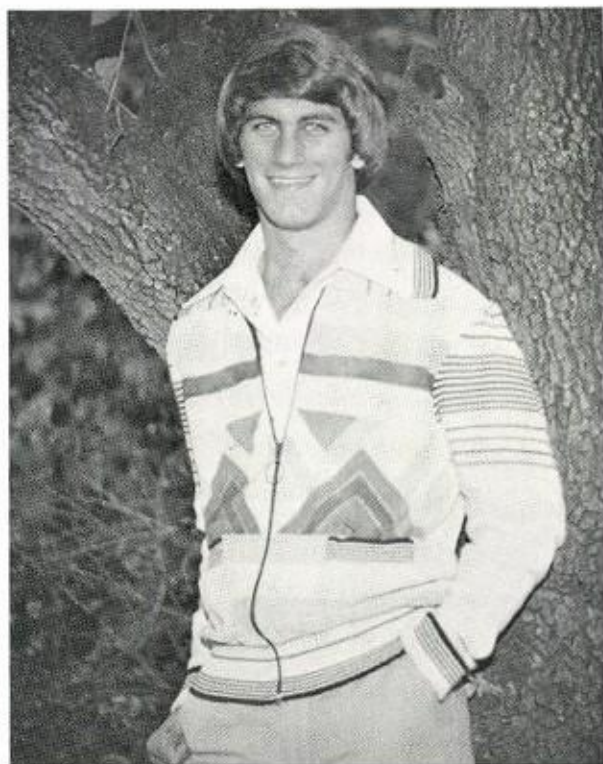
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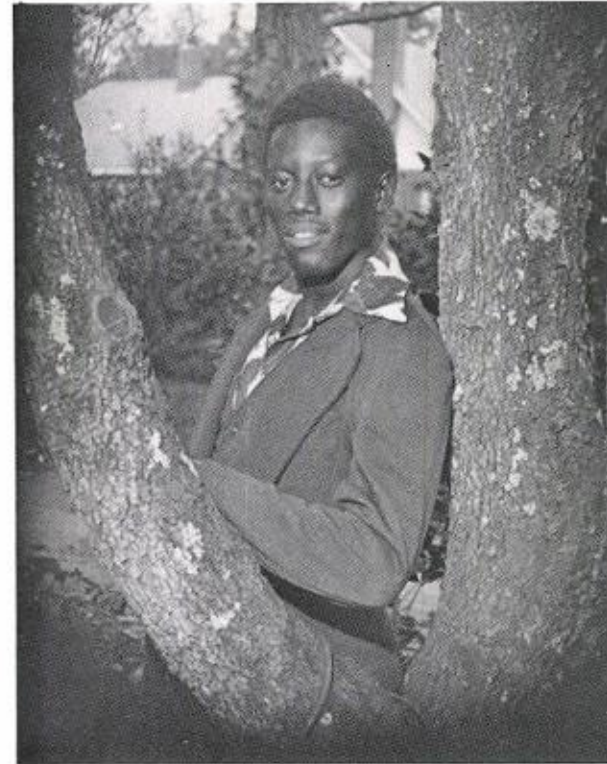
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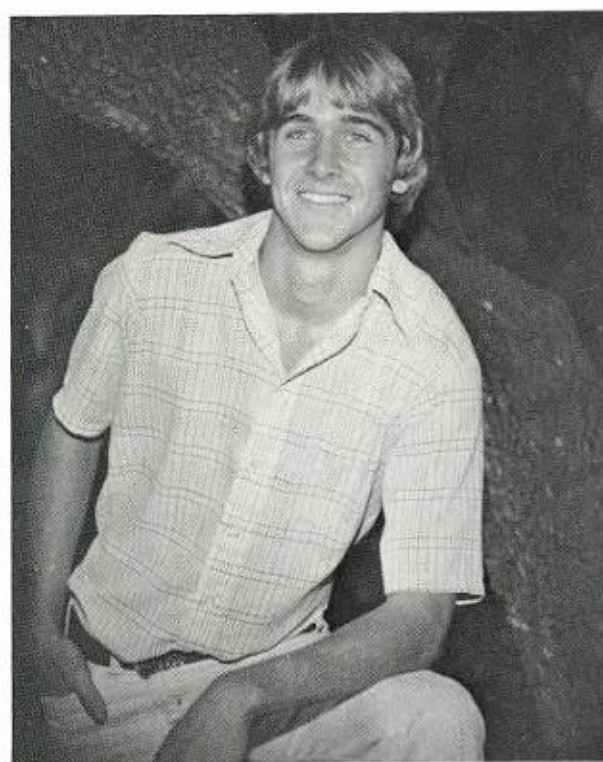
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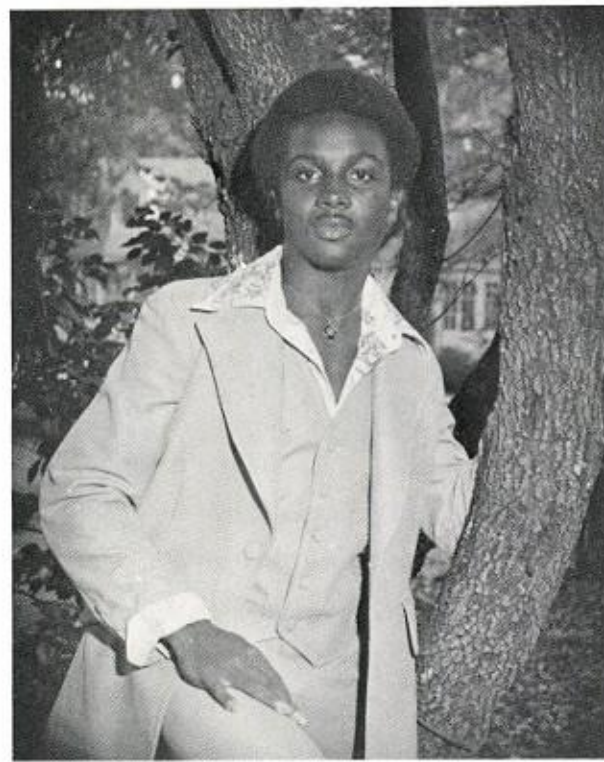
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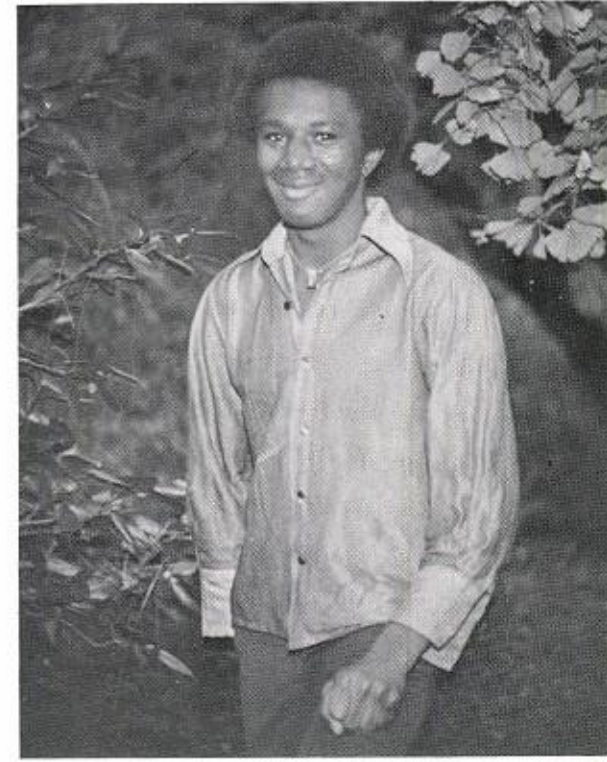
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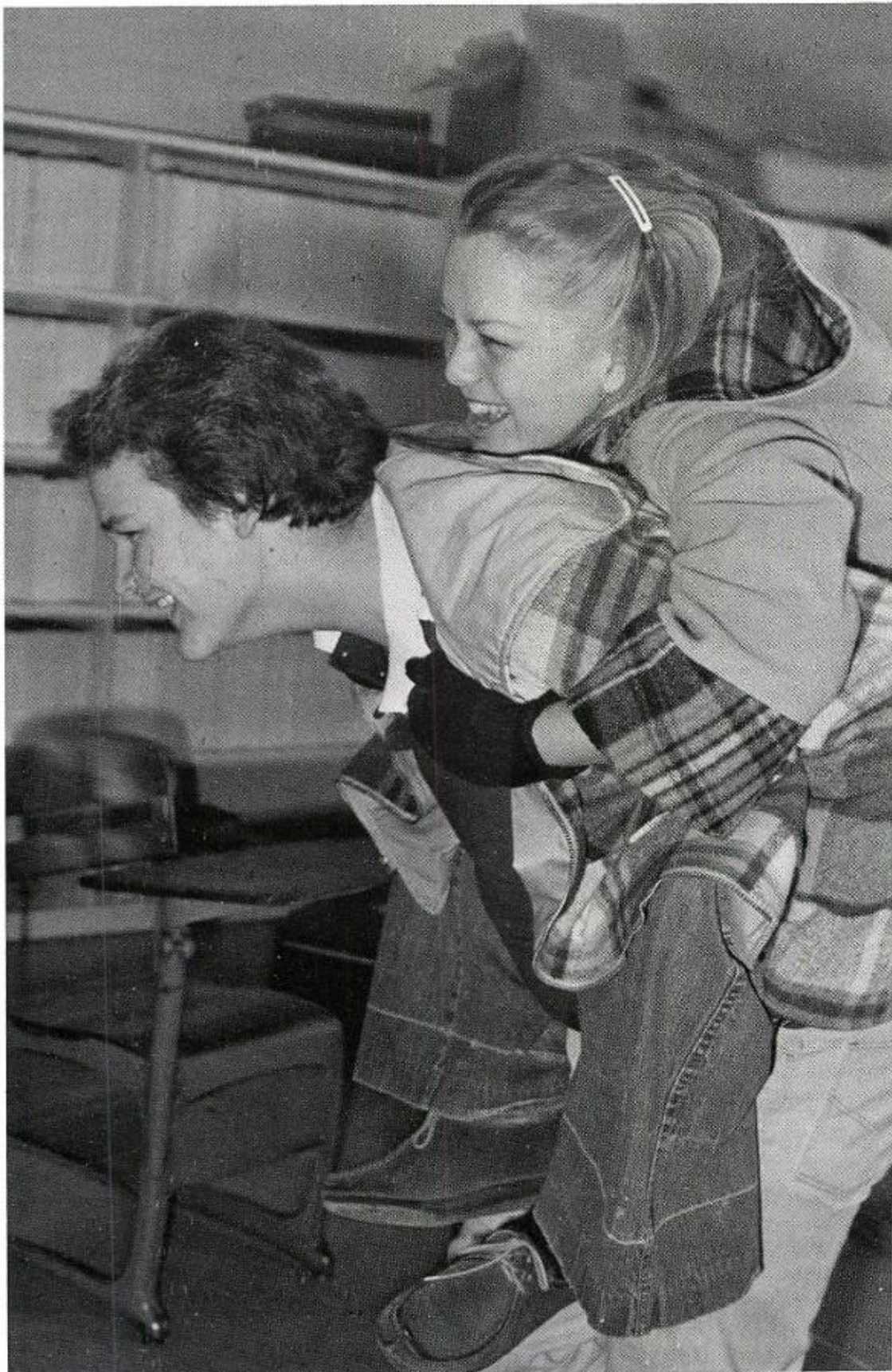
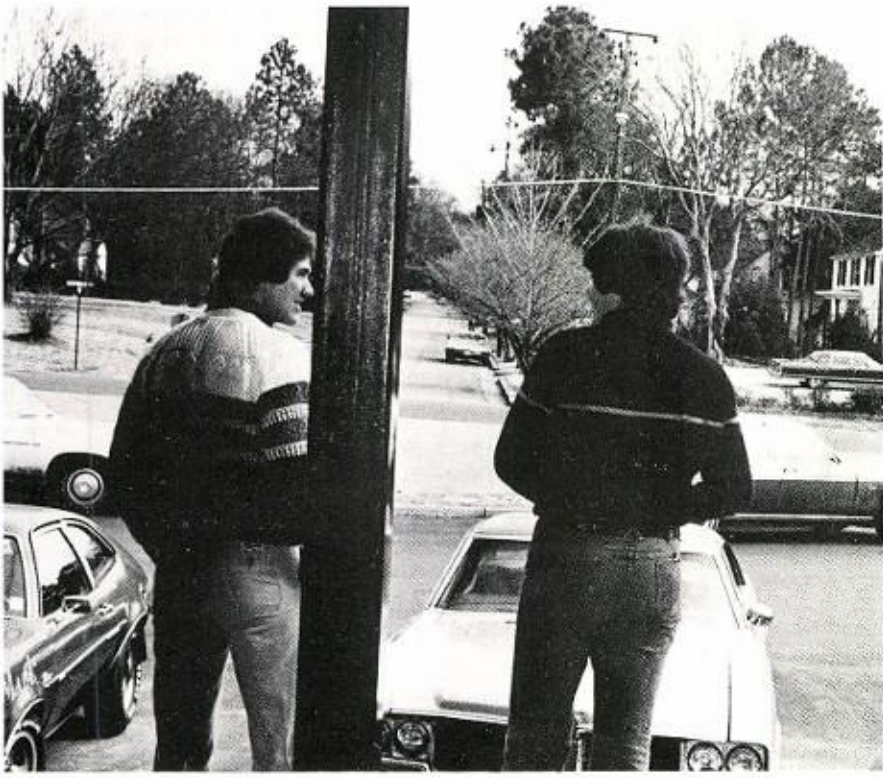
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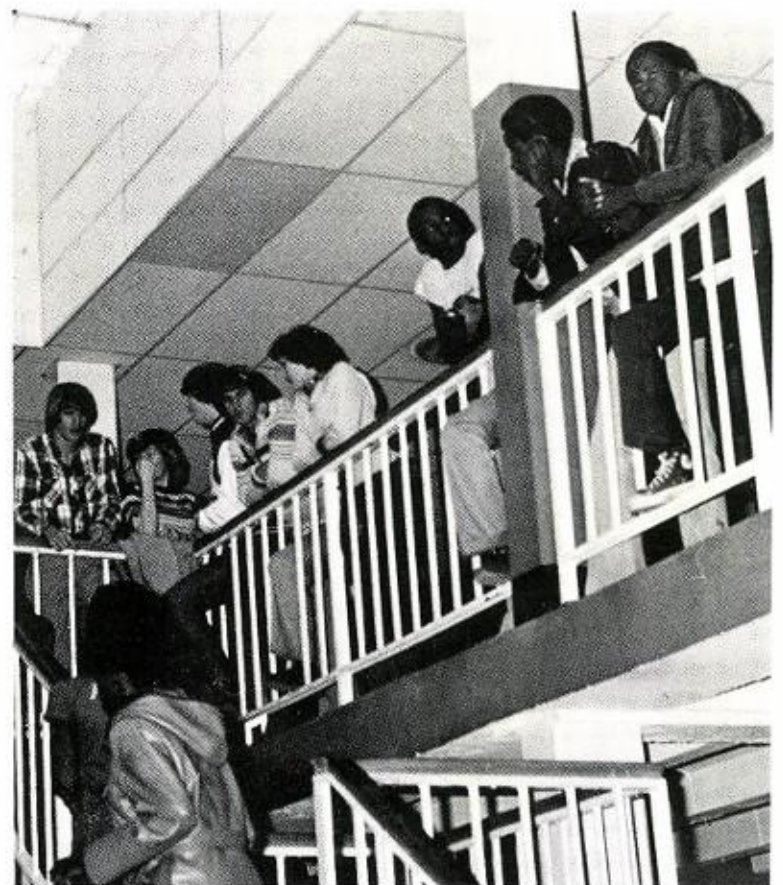
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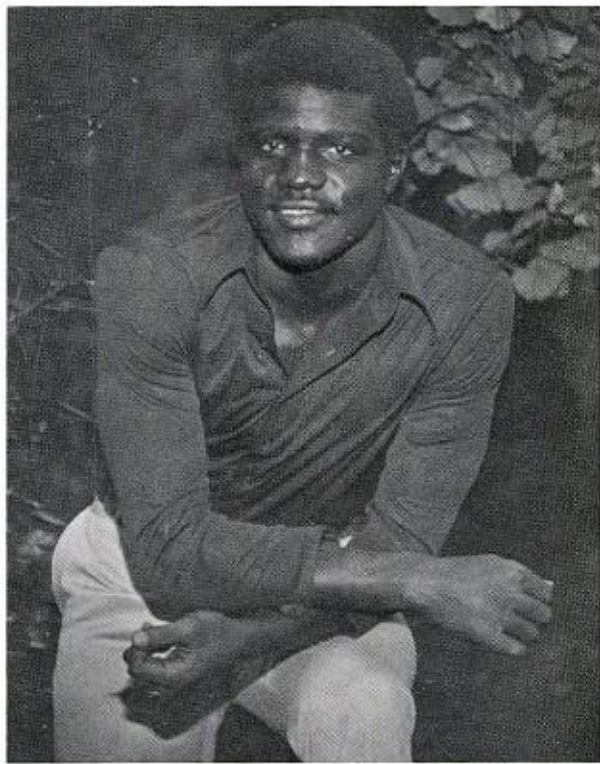
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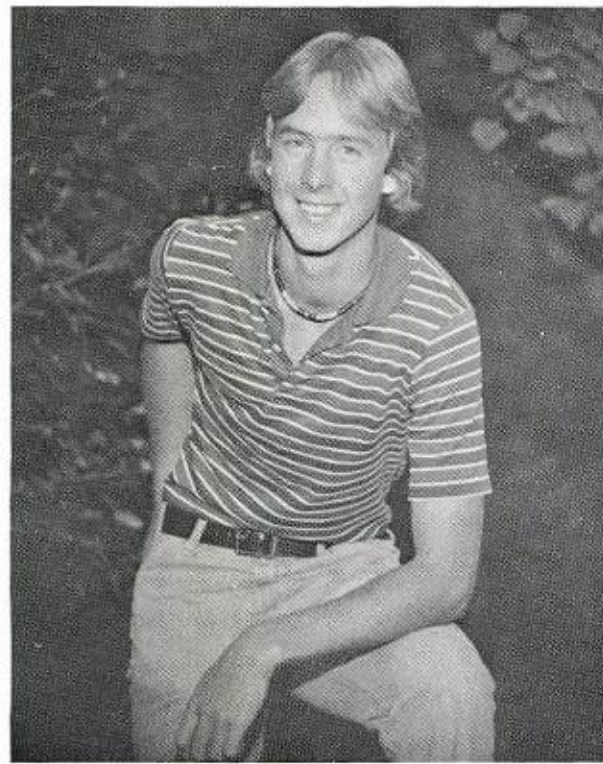


Being a Senior is going on to new things.

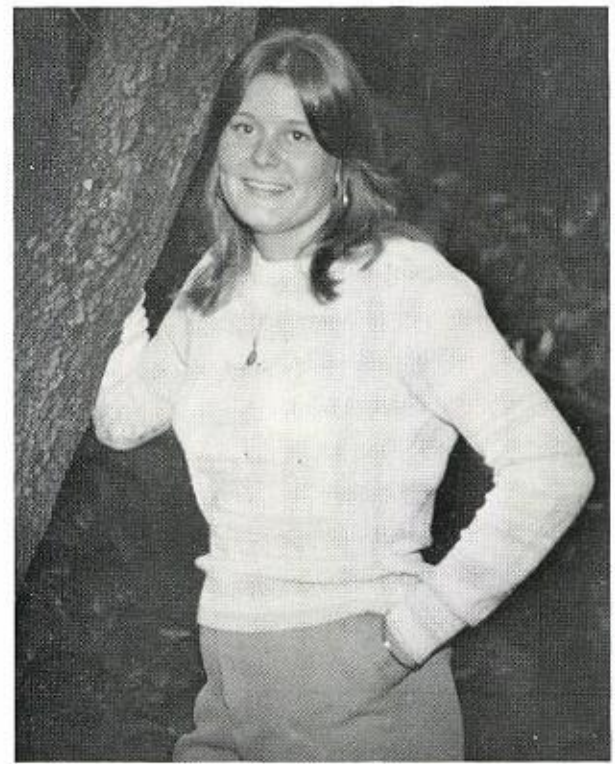




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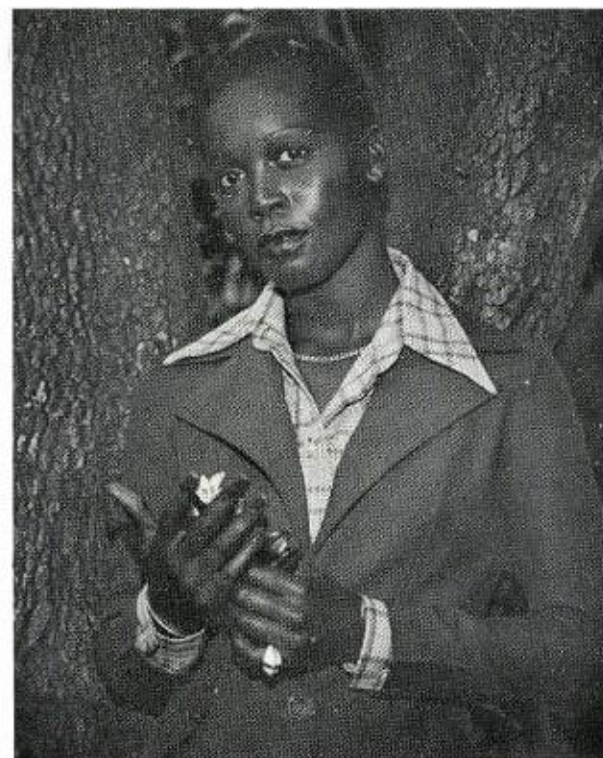
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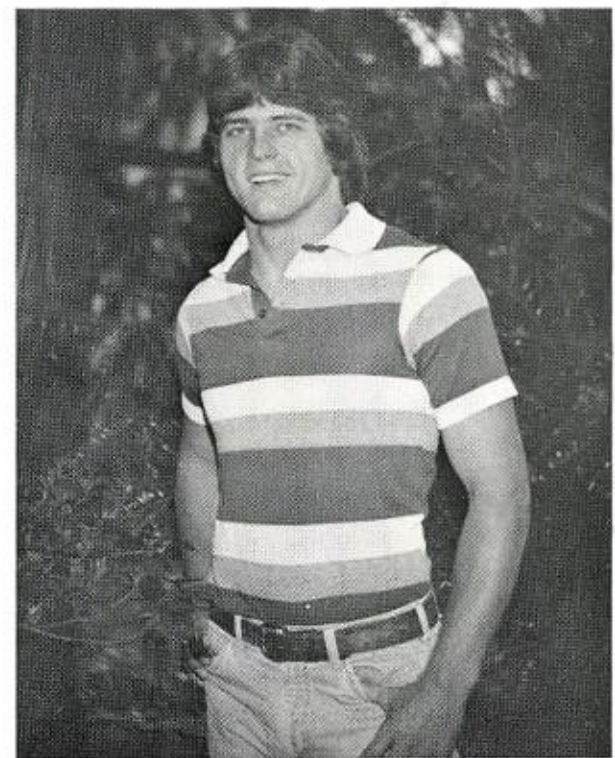
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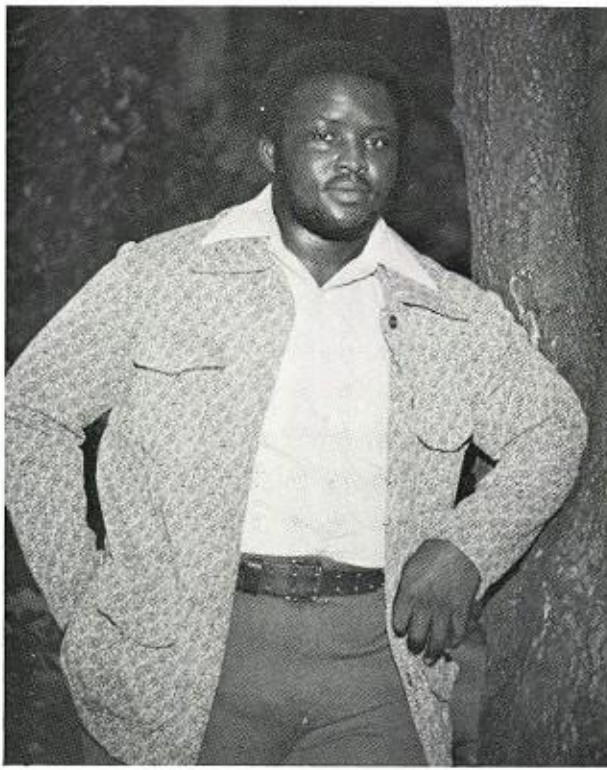
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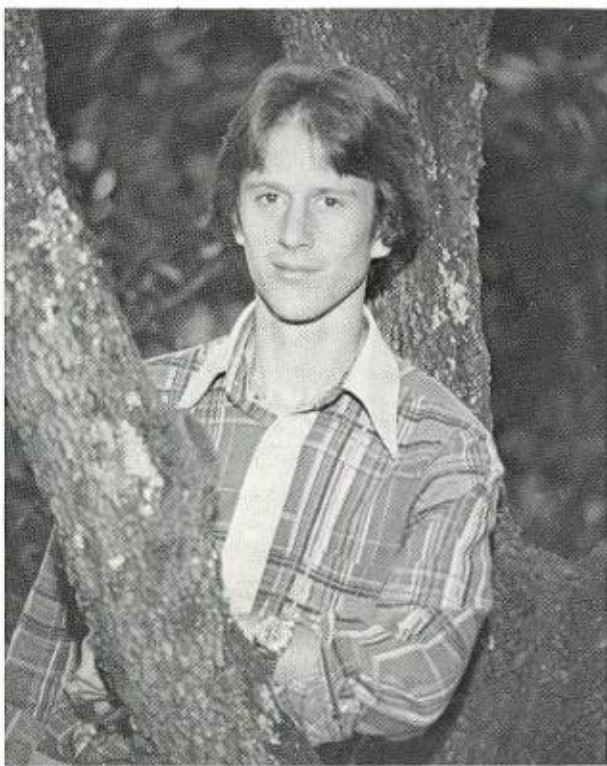
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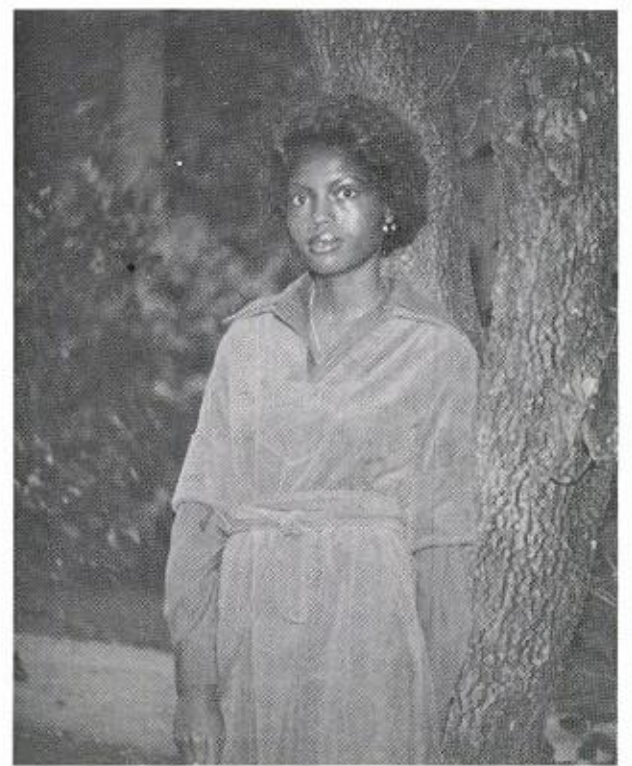
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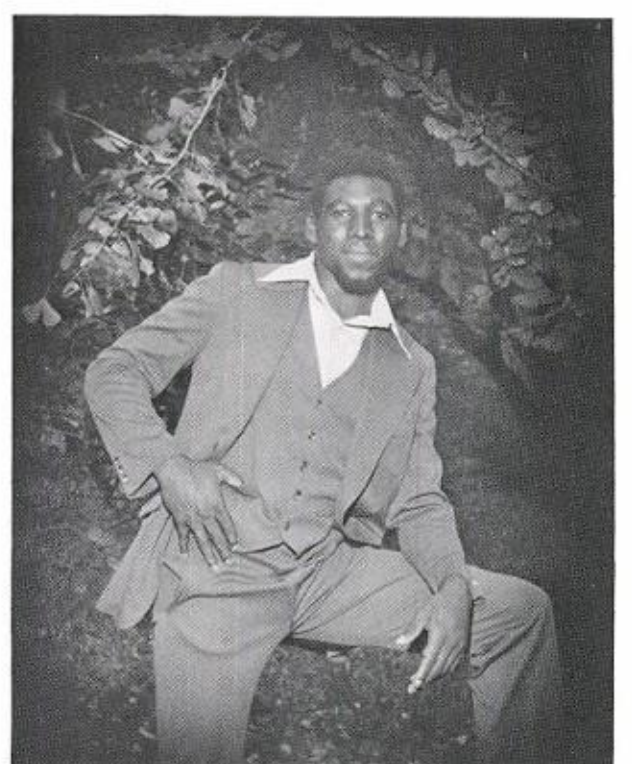
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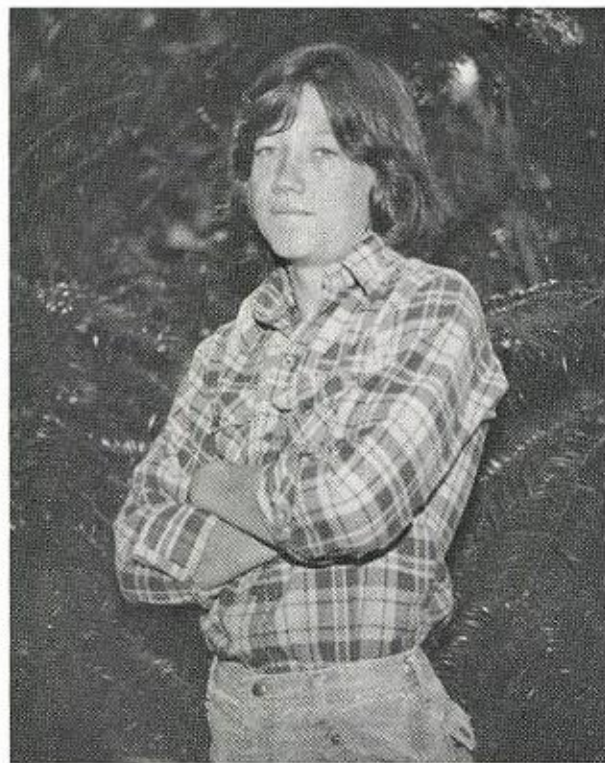
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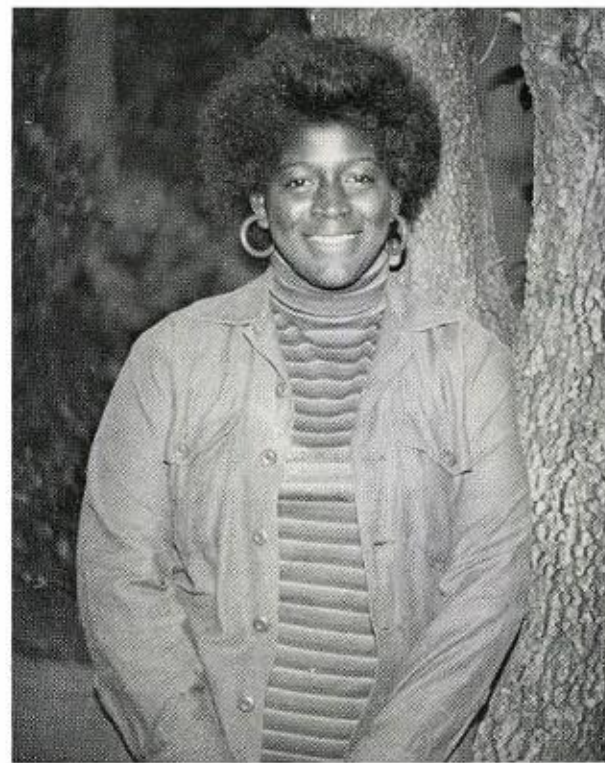
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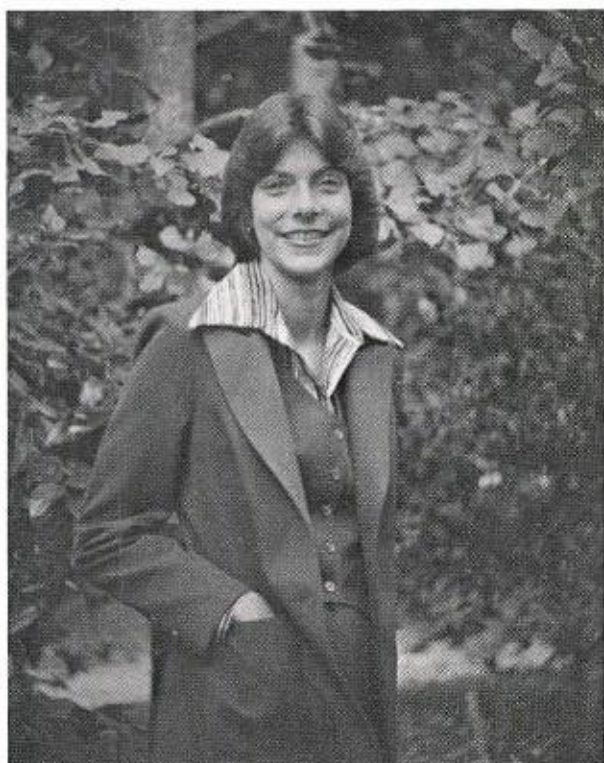
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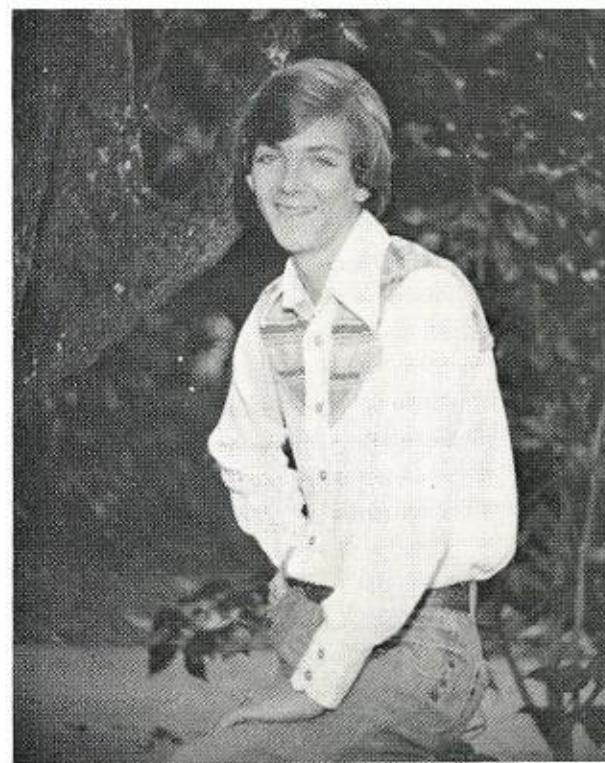
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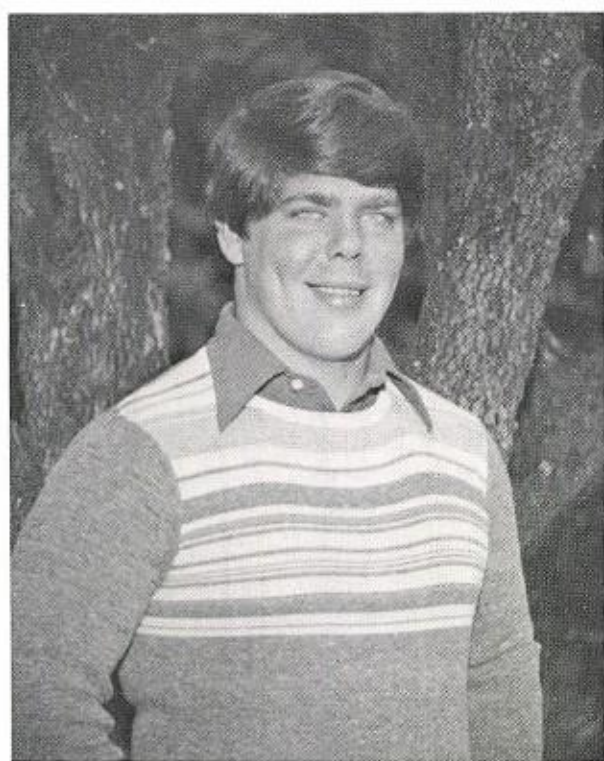
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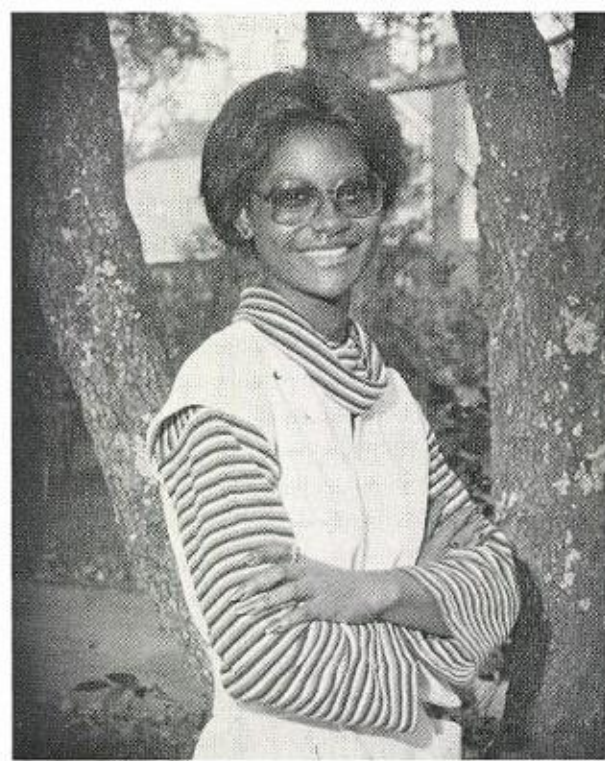
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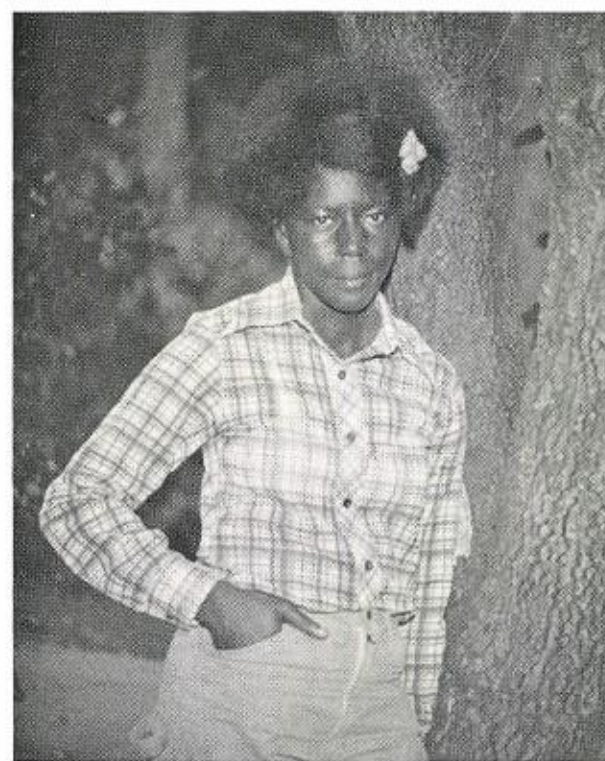
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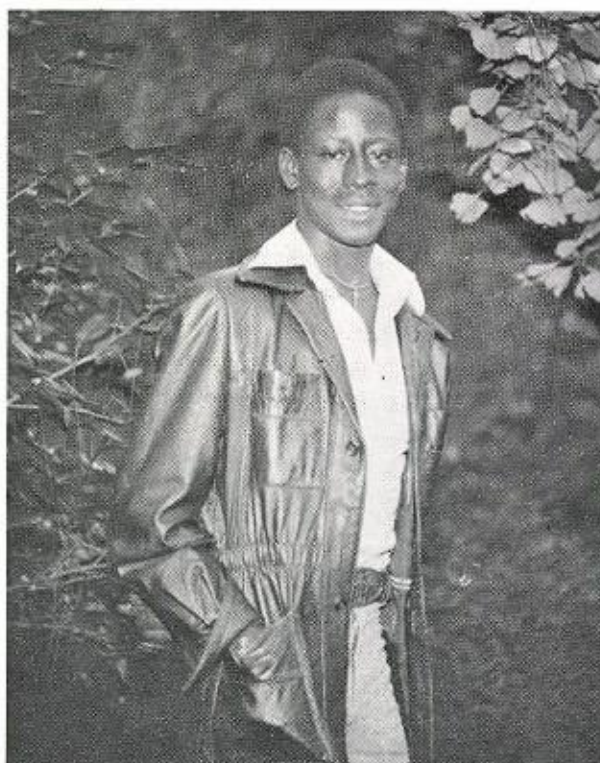
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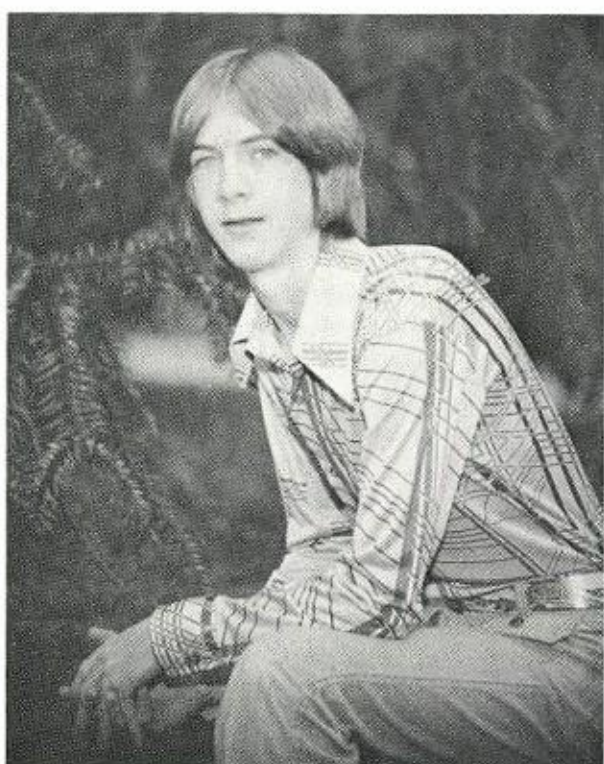
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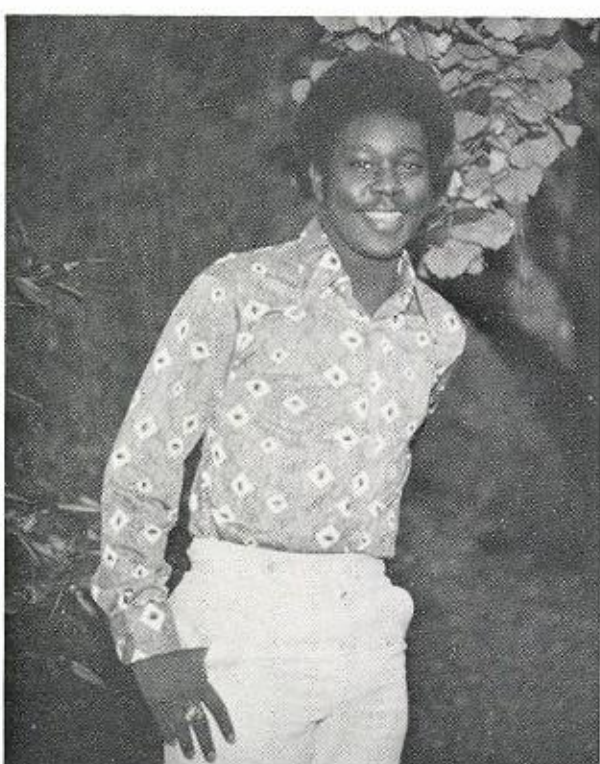
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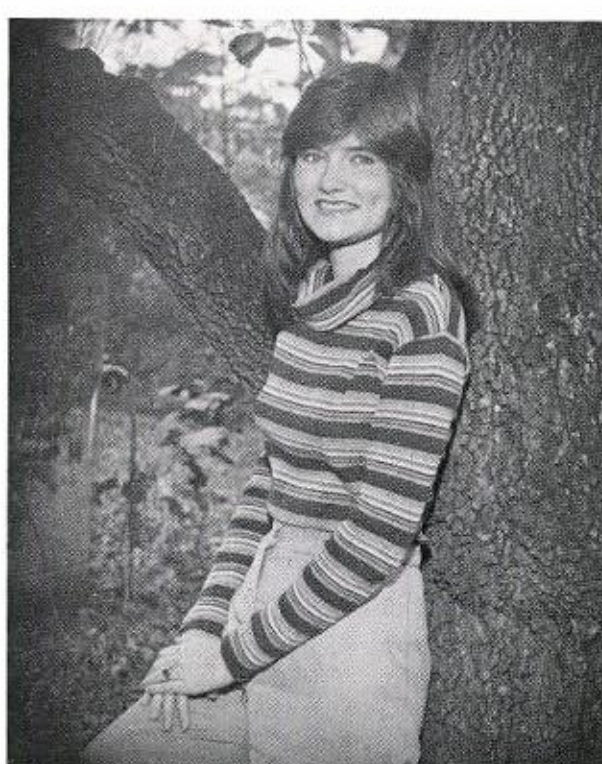
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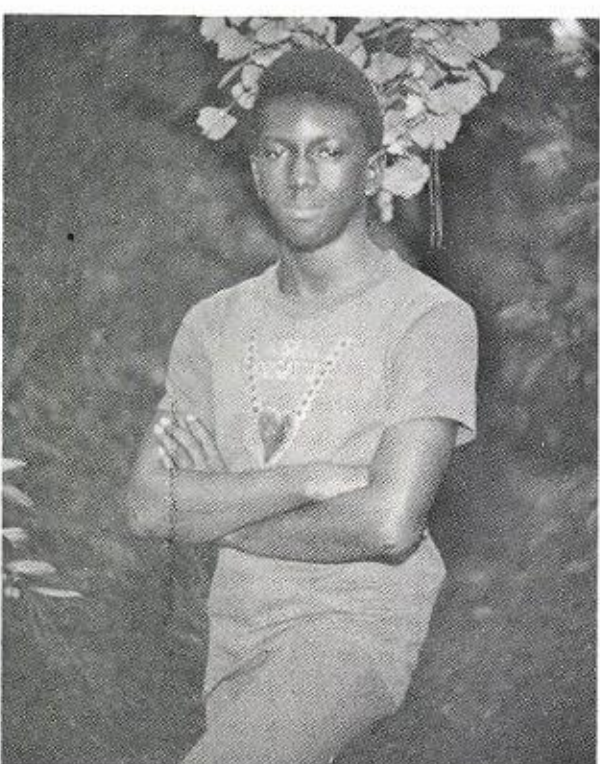
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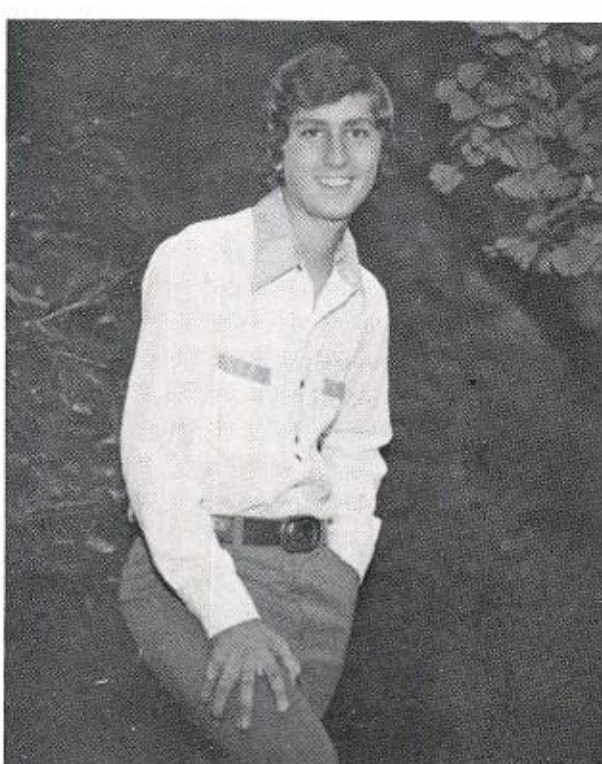
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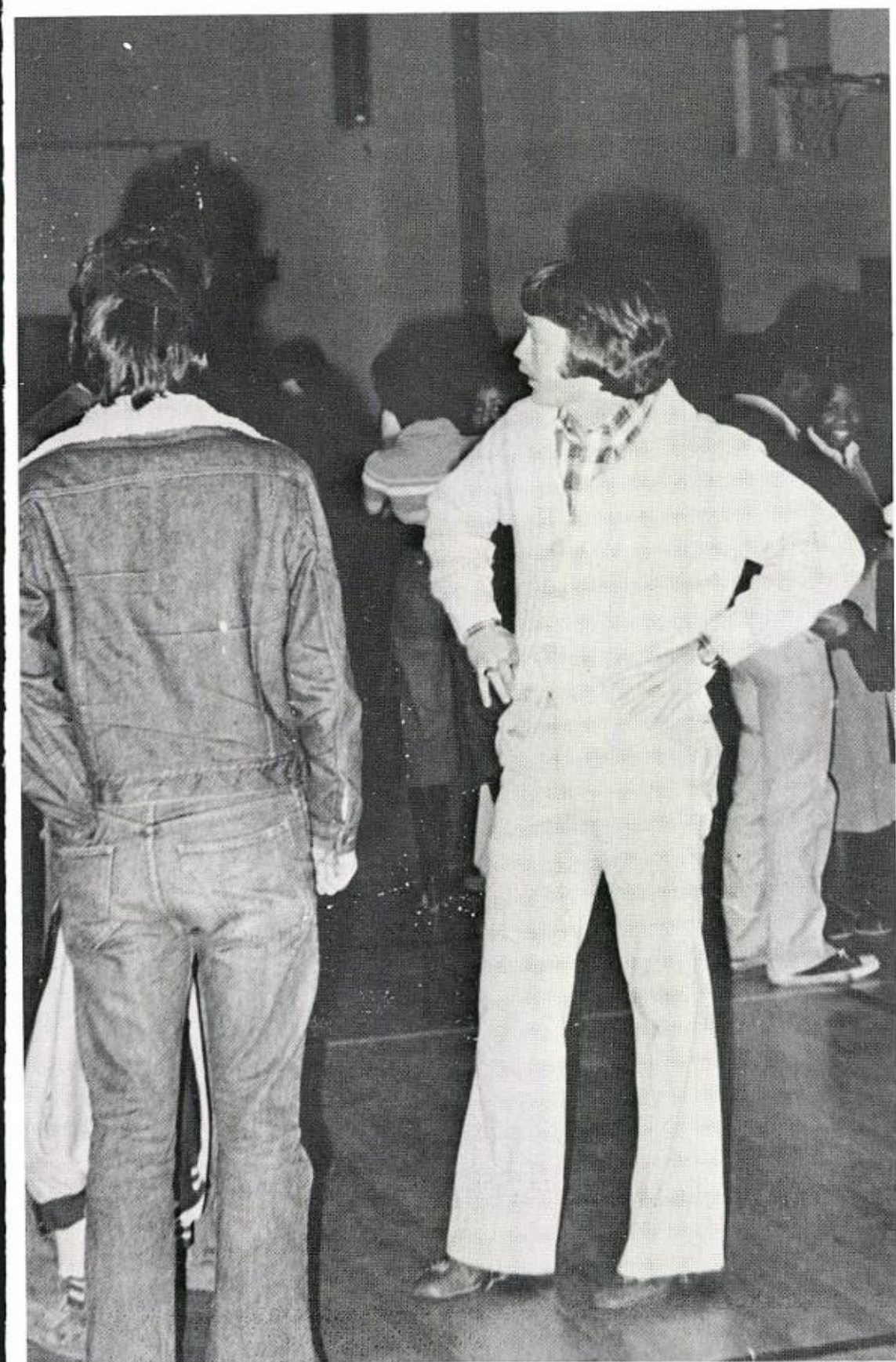
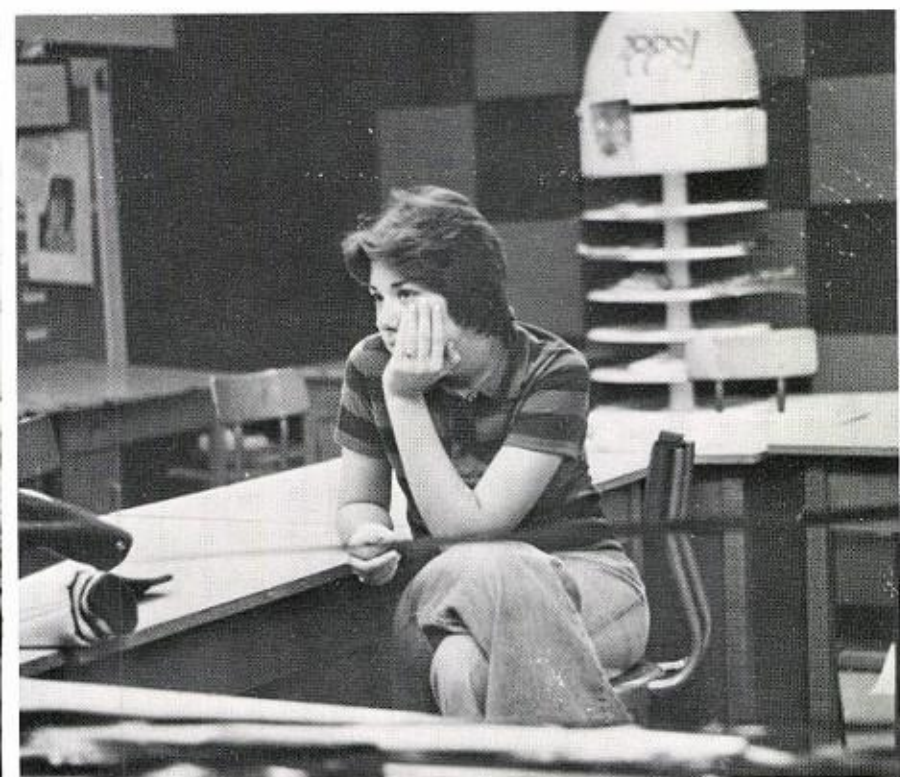
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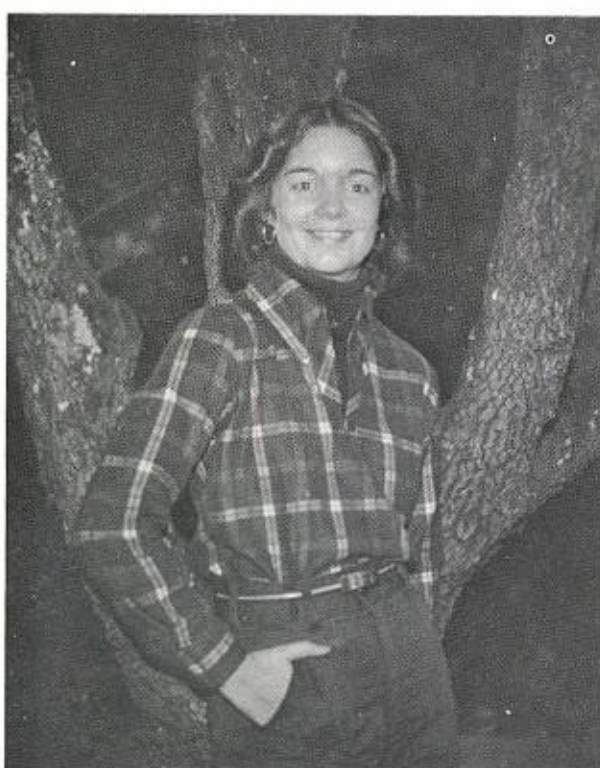


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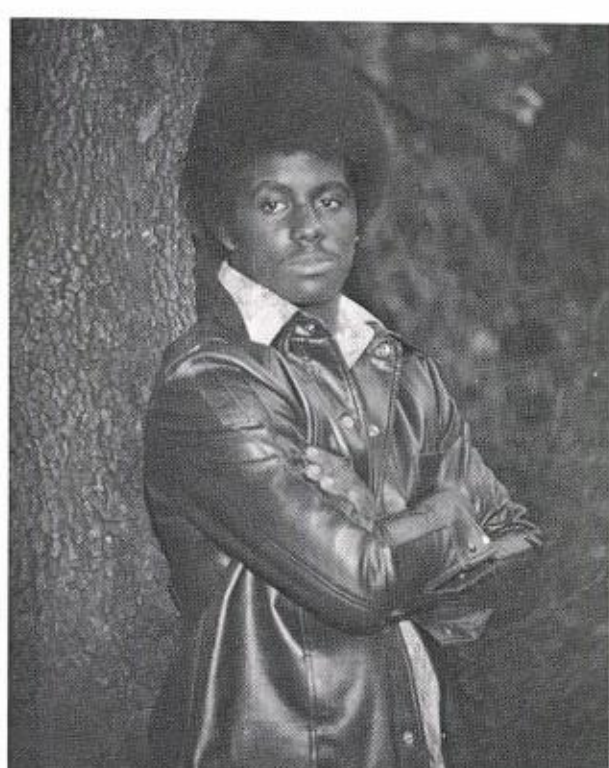




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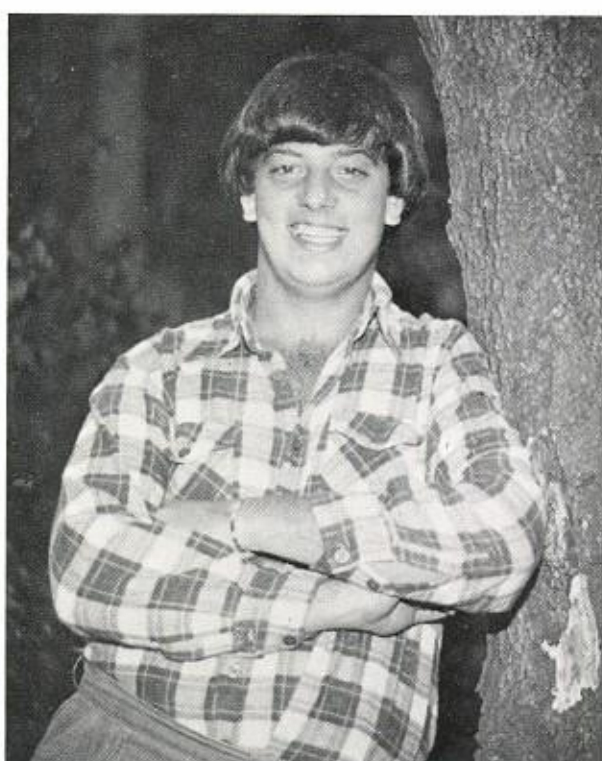
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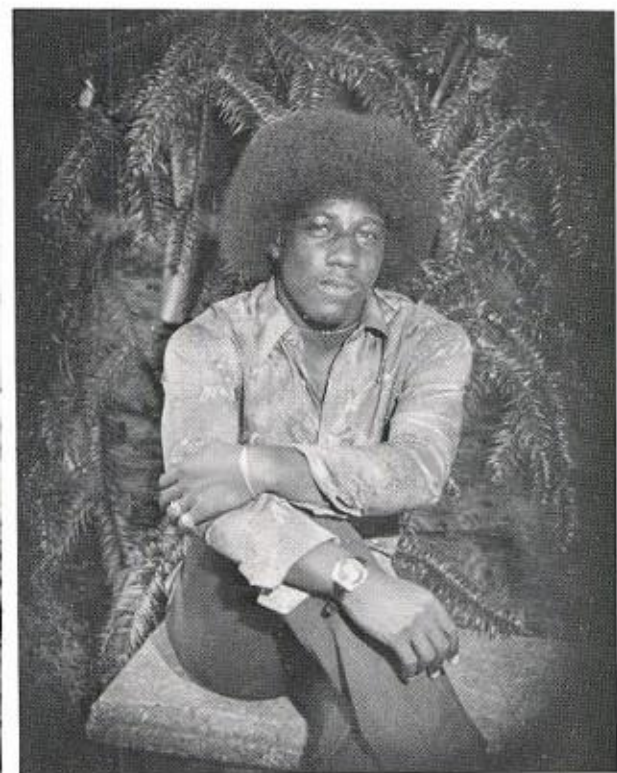
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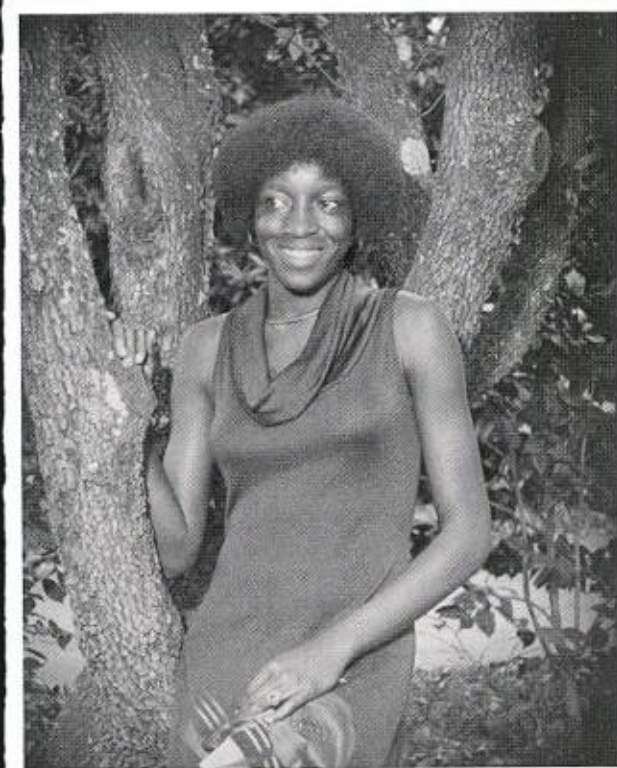
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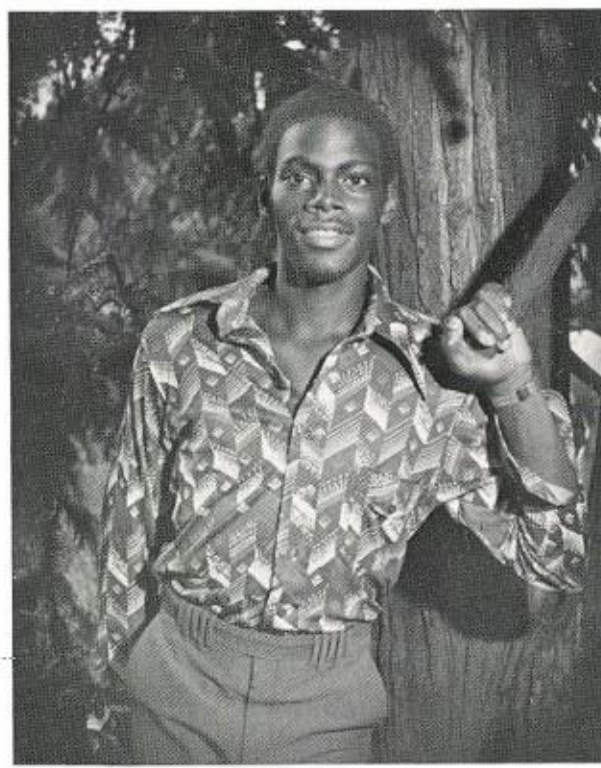
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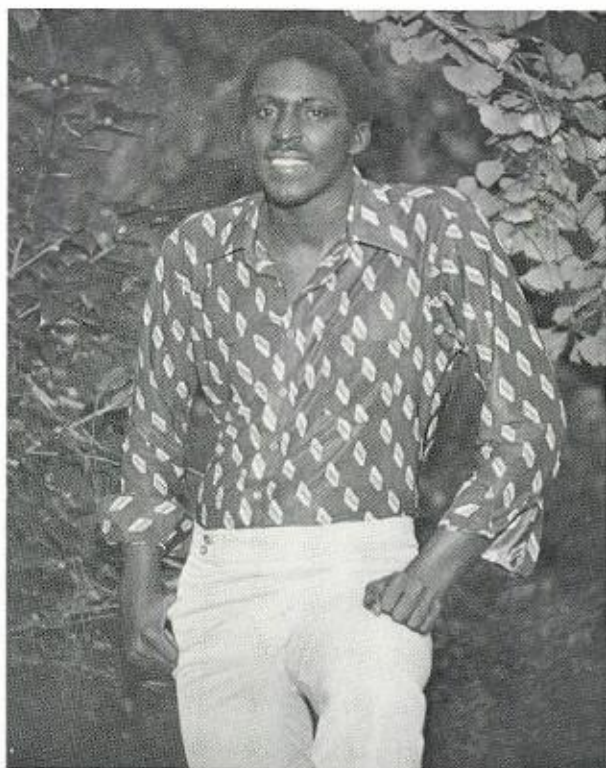
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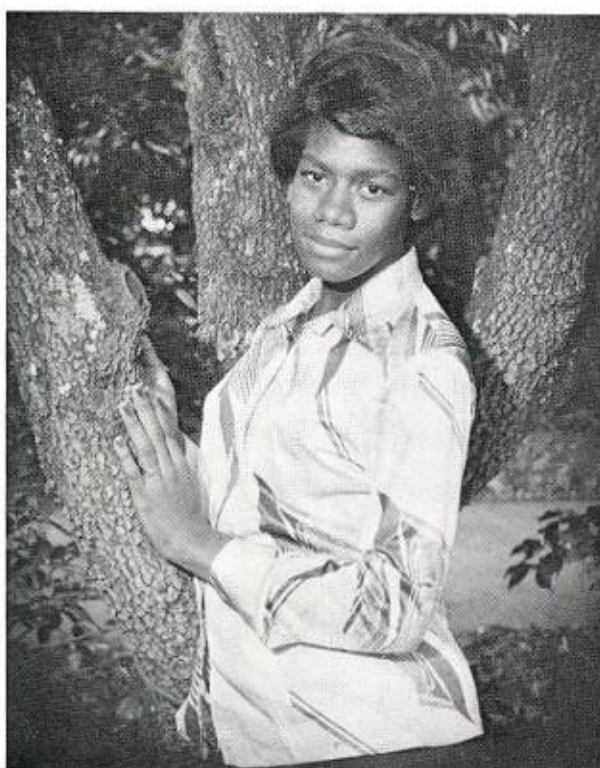
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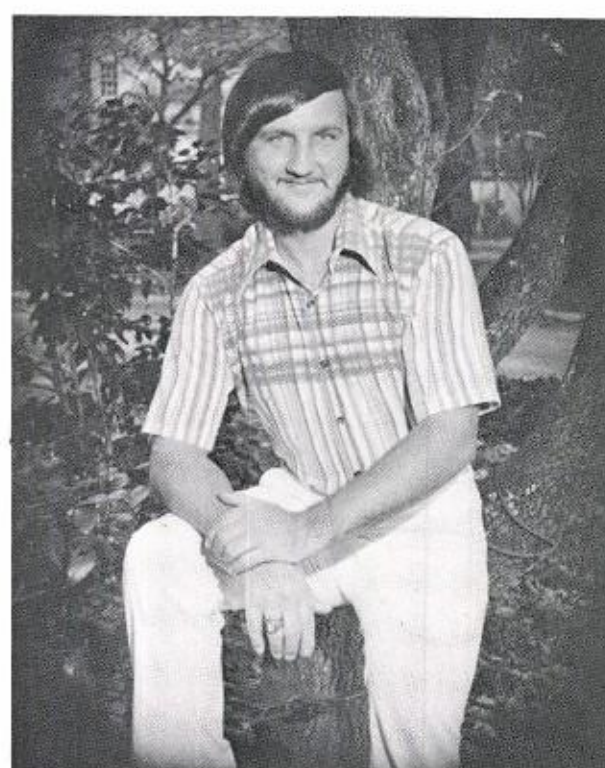
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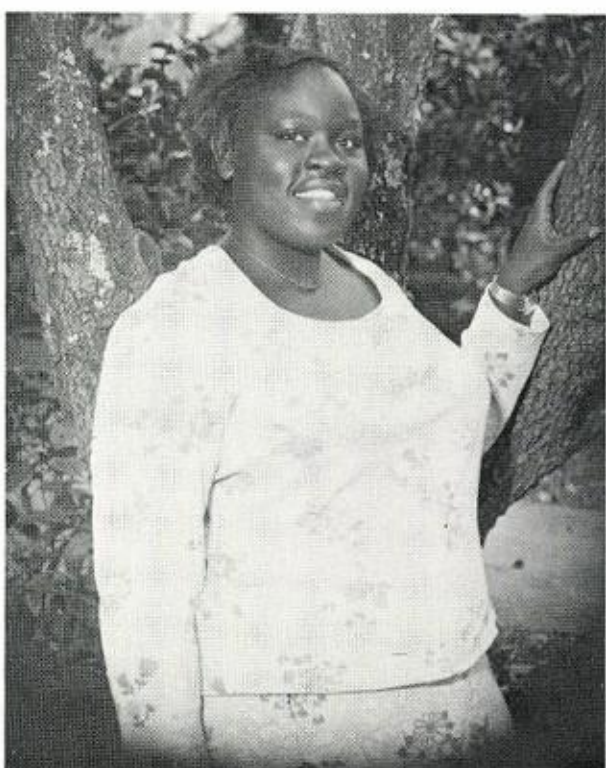
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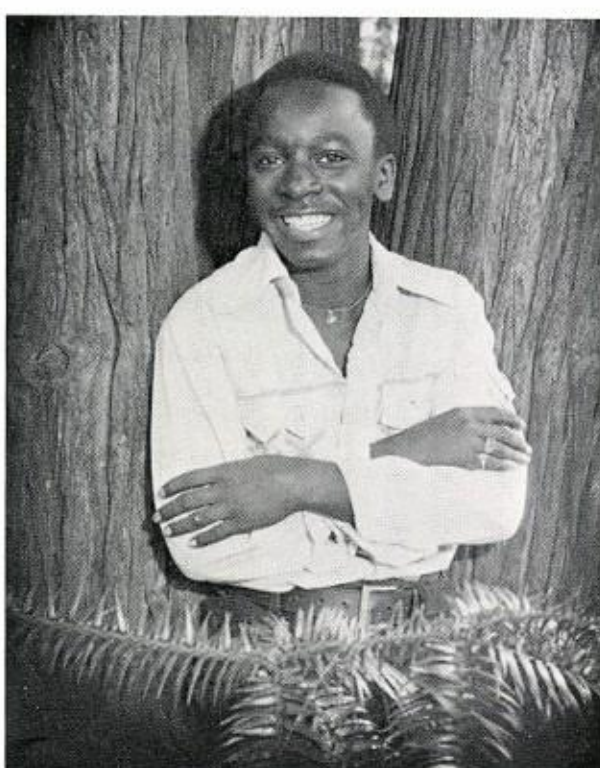
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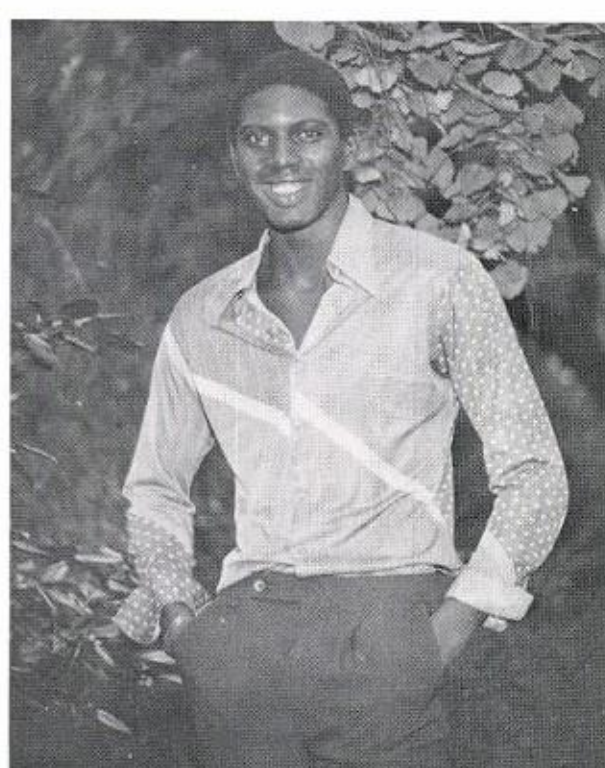
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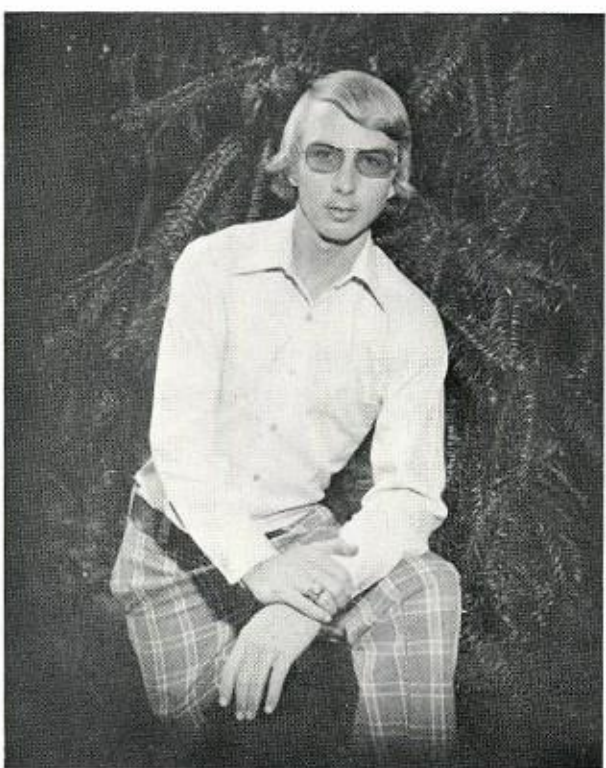
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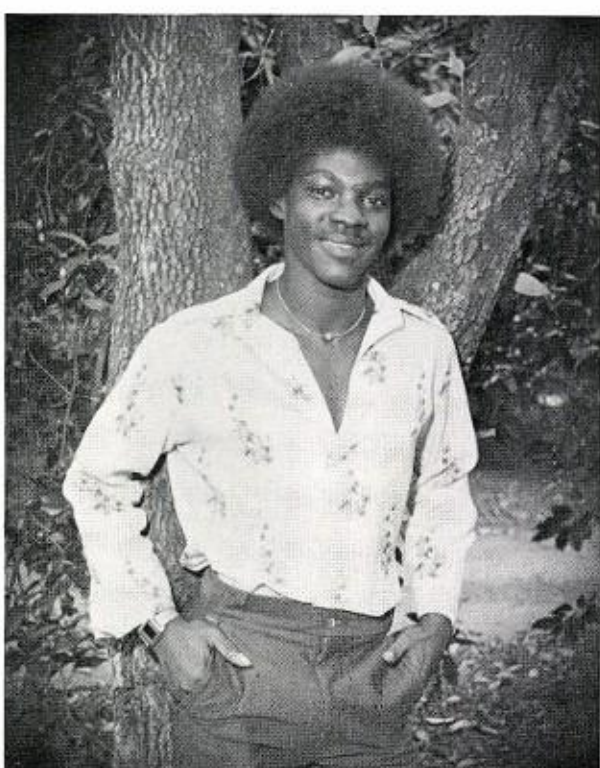
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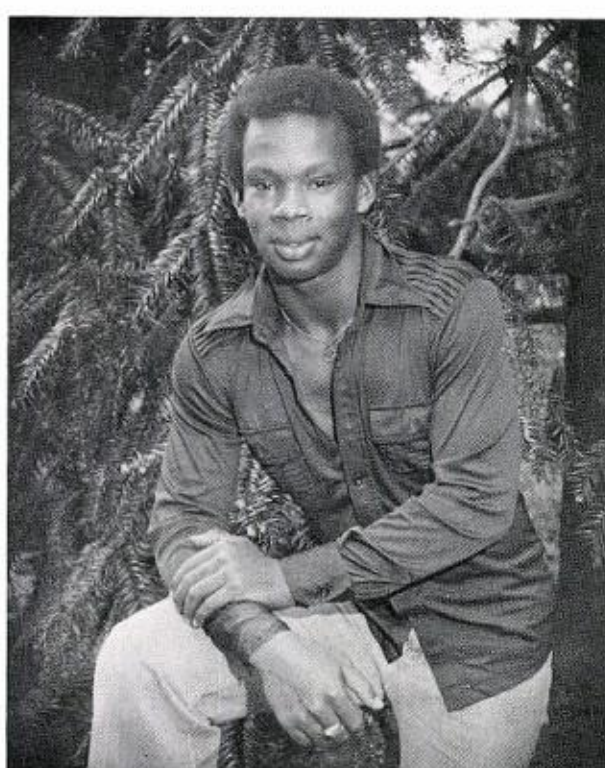
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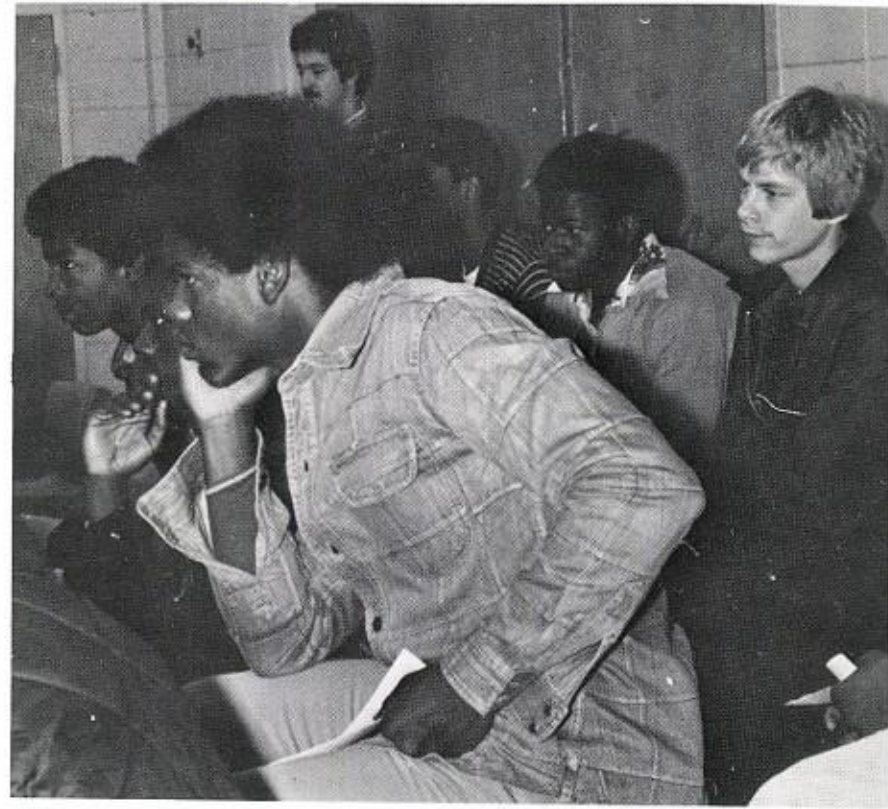


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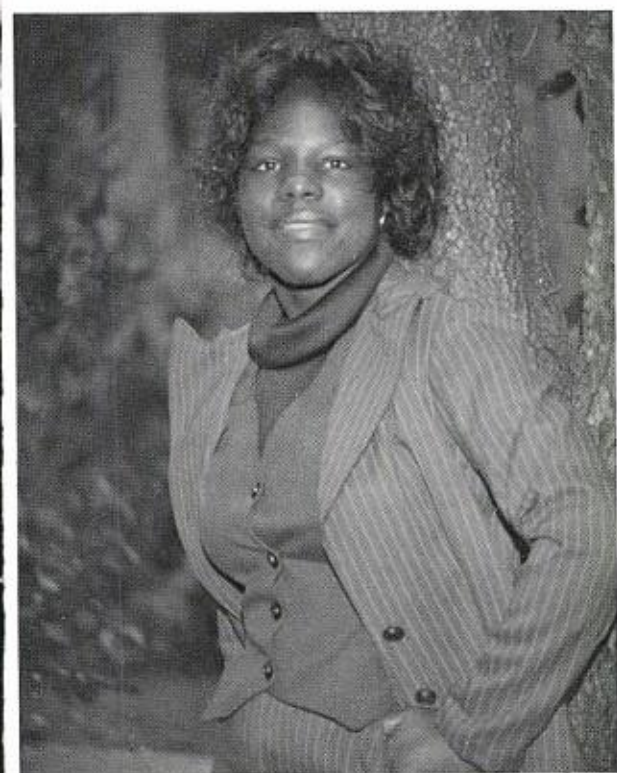
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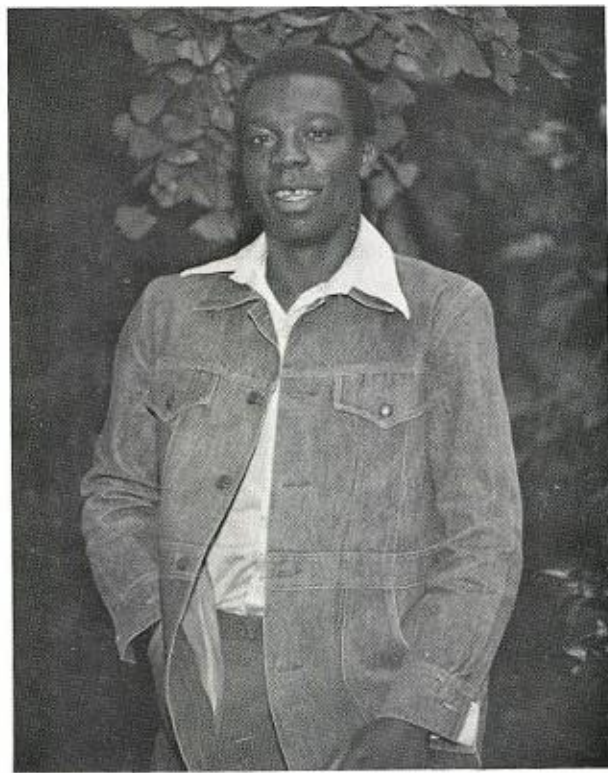


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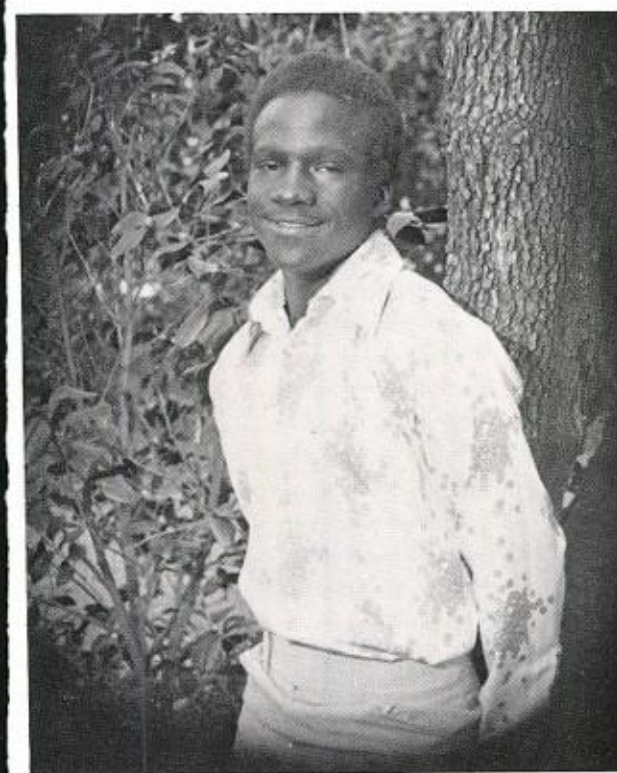
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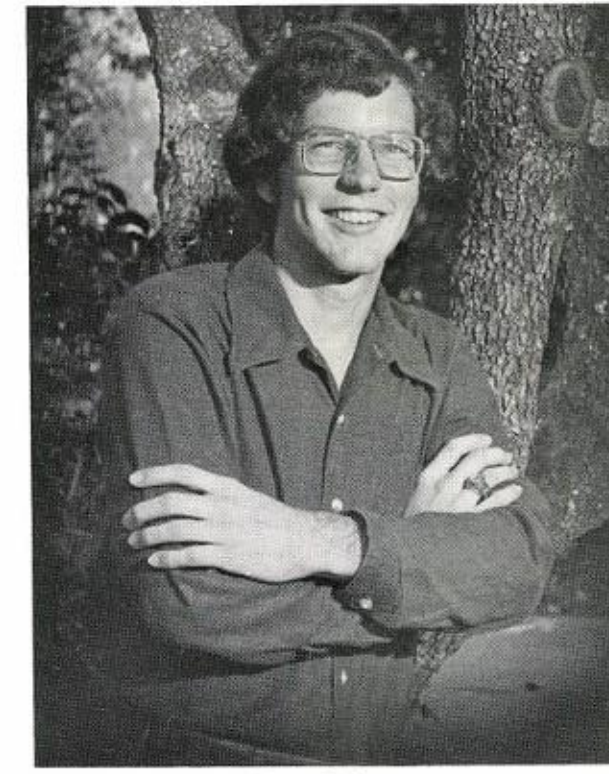
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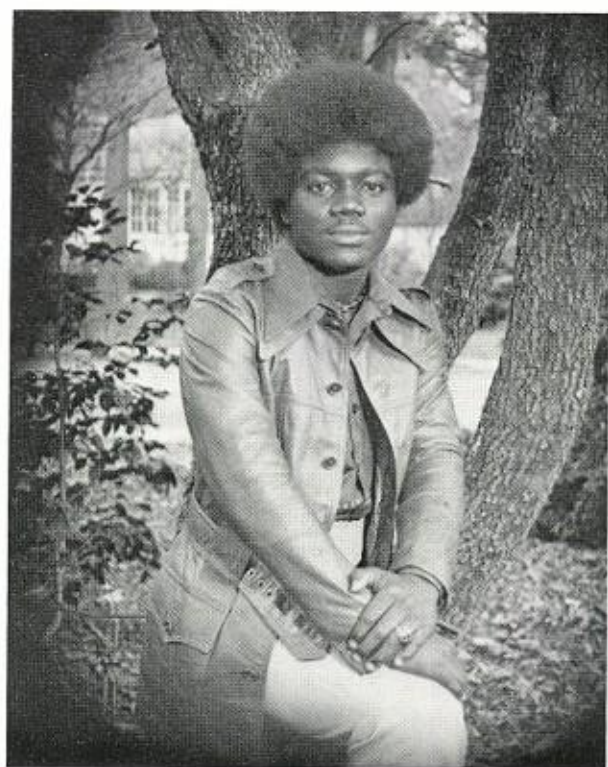
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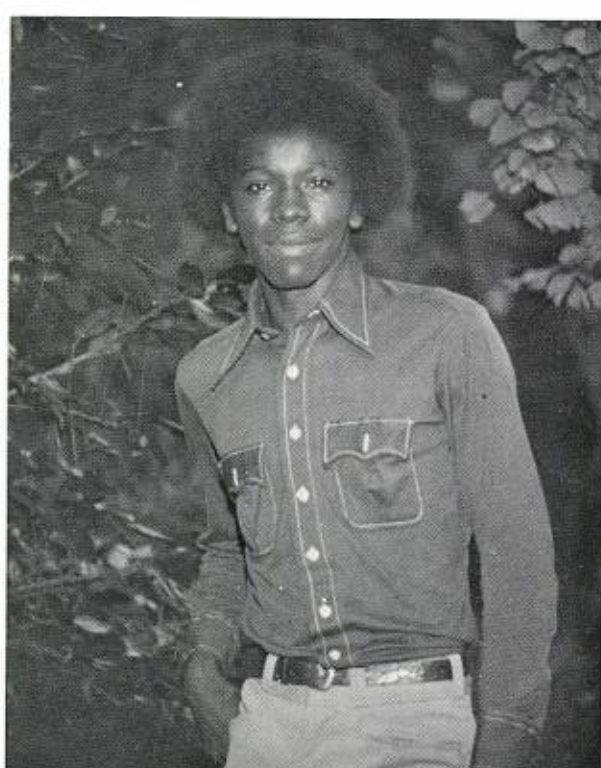
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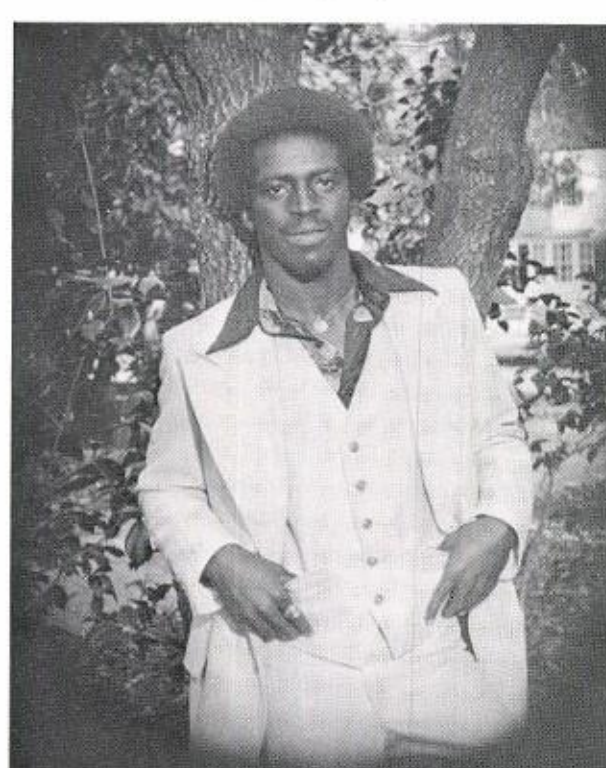
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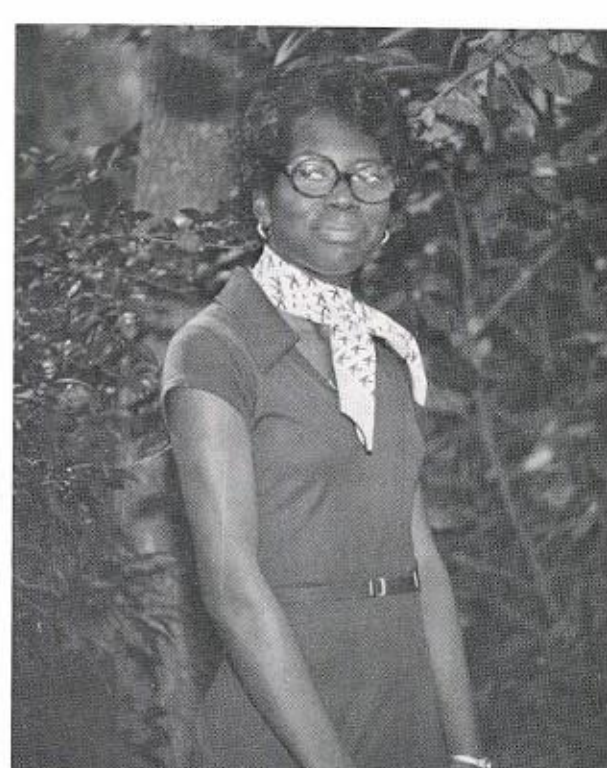
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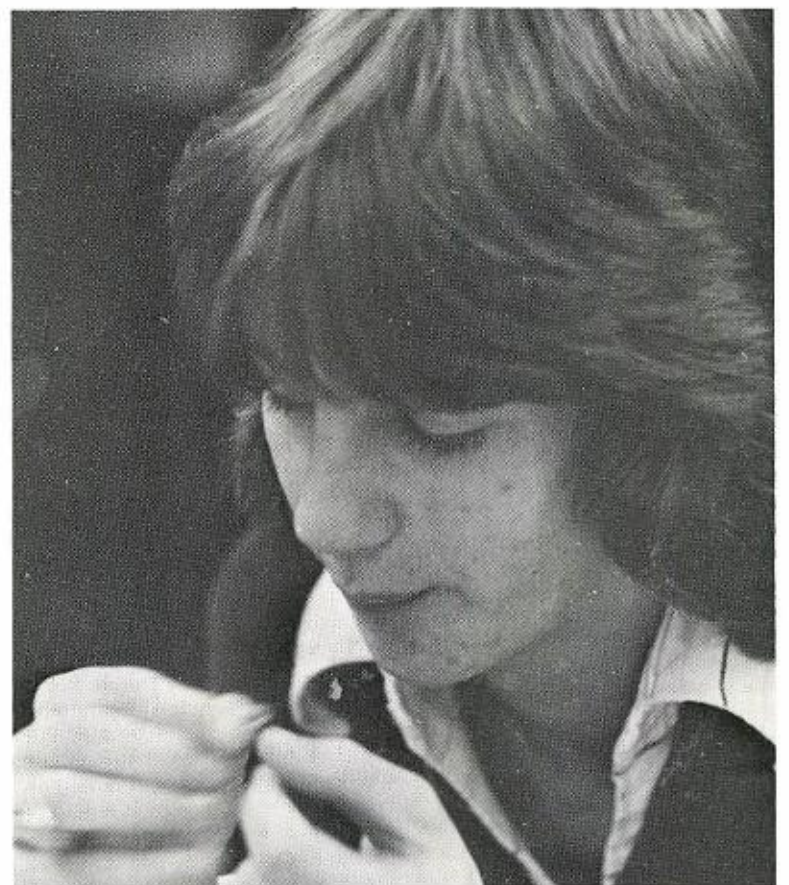
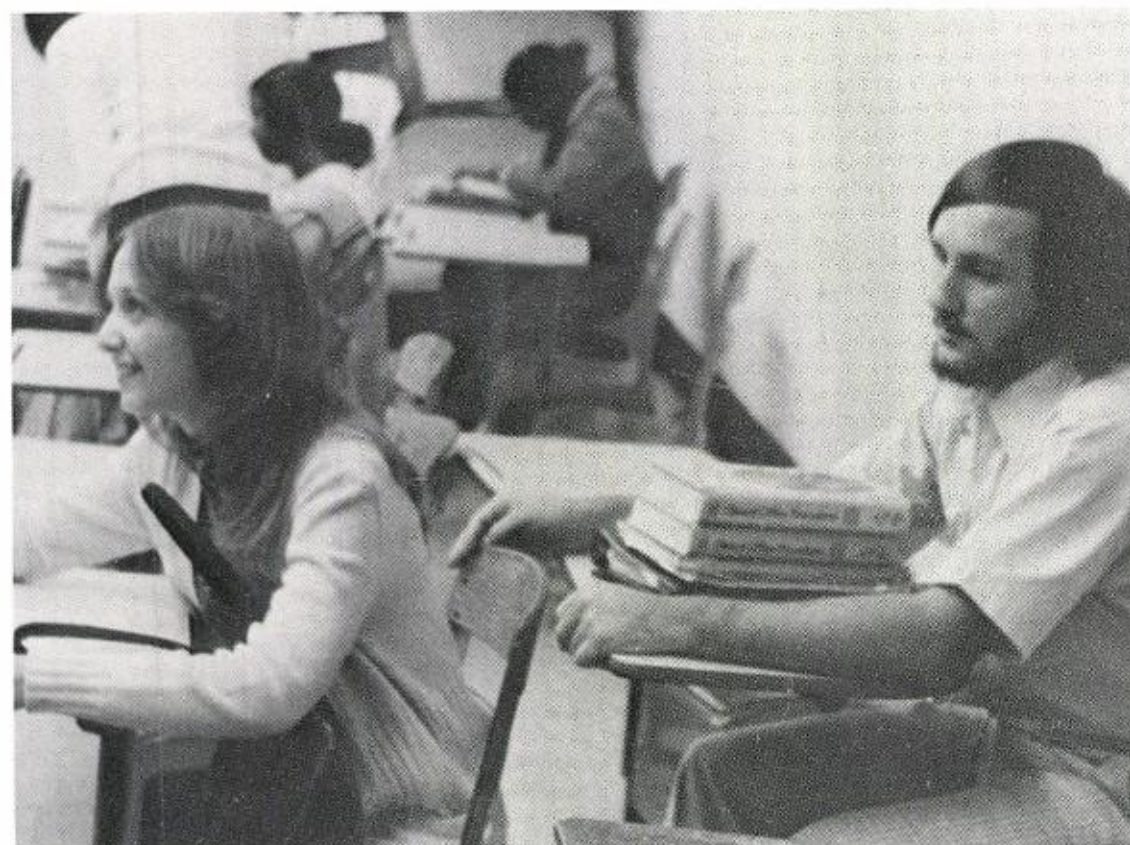
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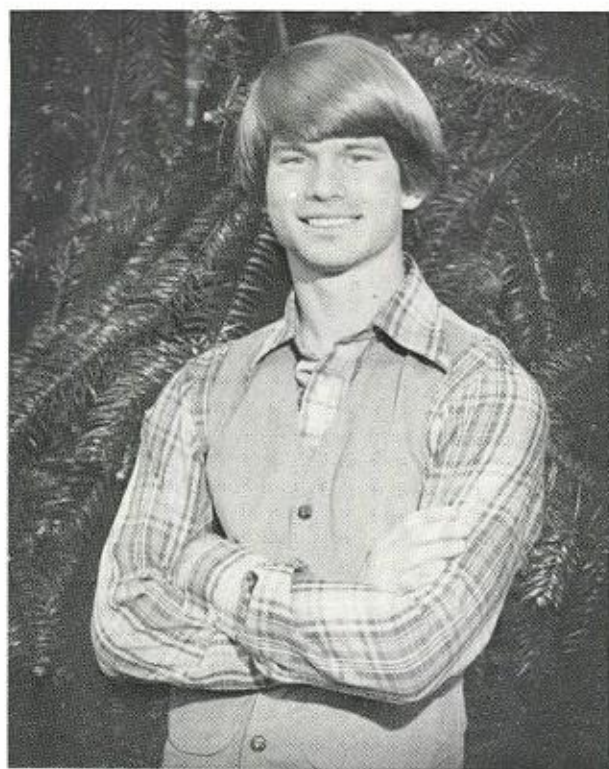


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Being a Senior means a diploma is near.





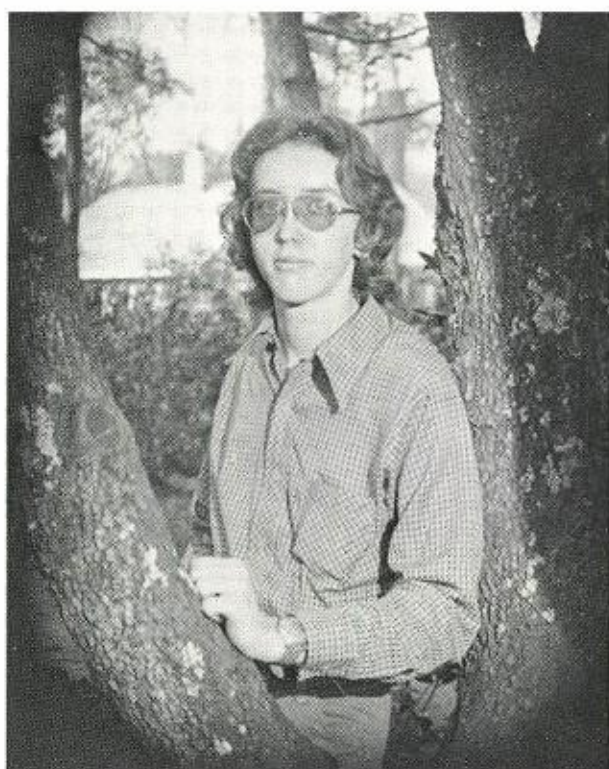
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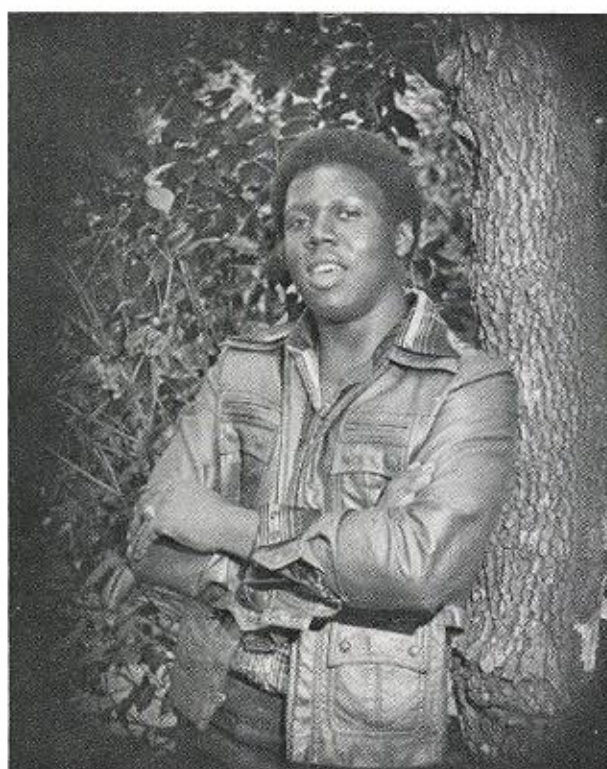
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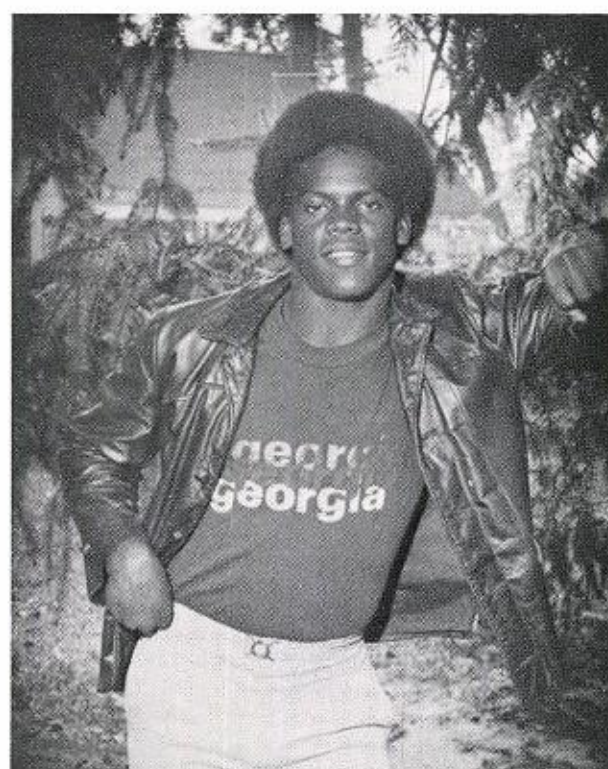
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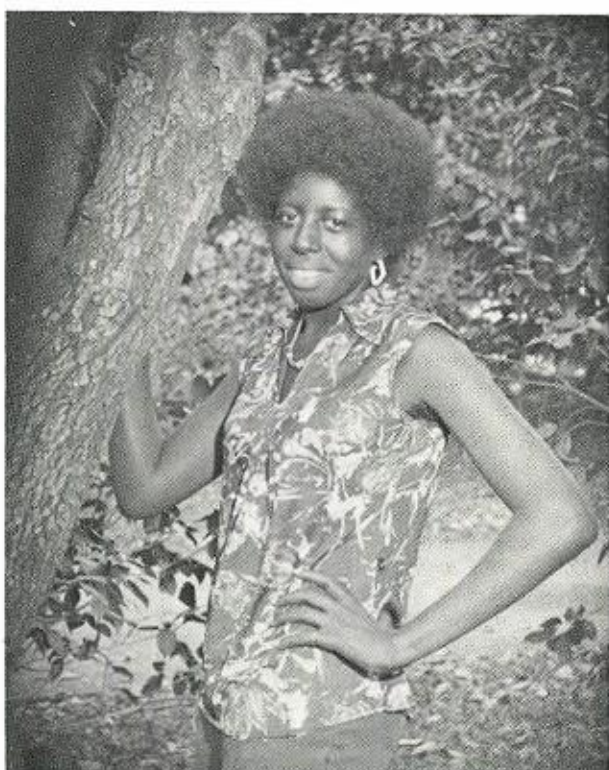
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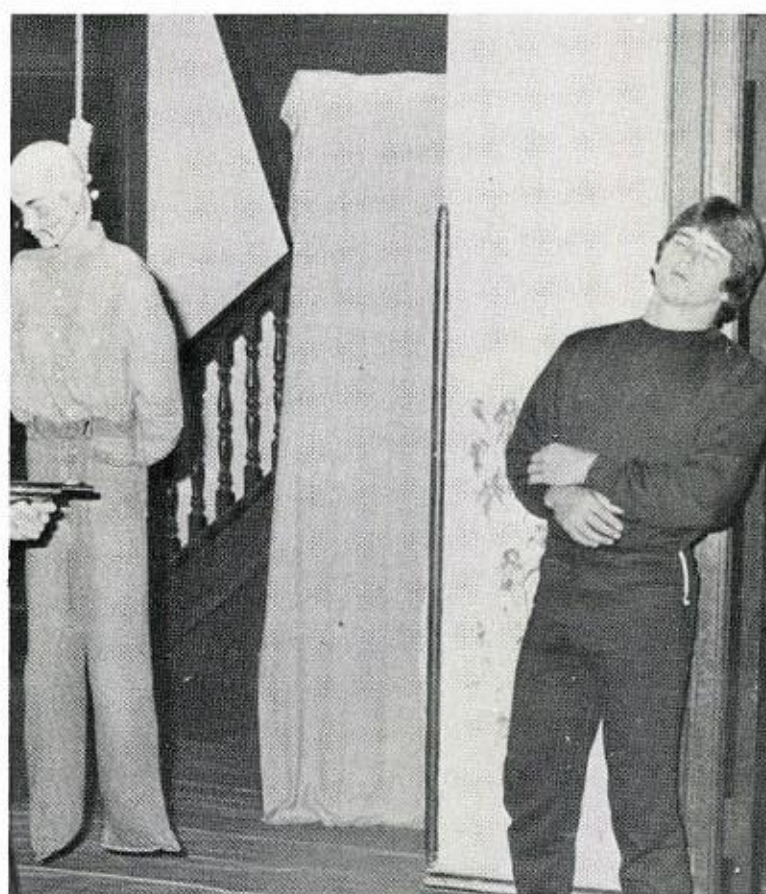
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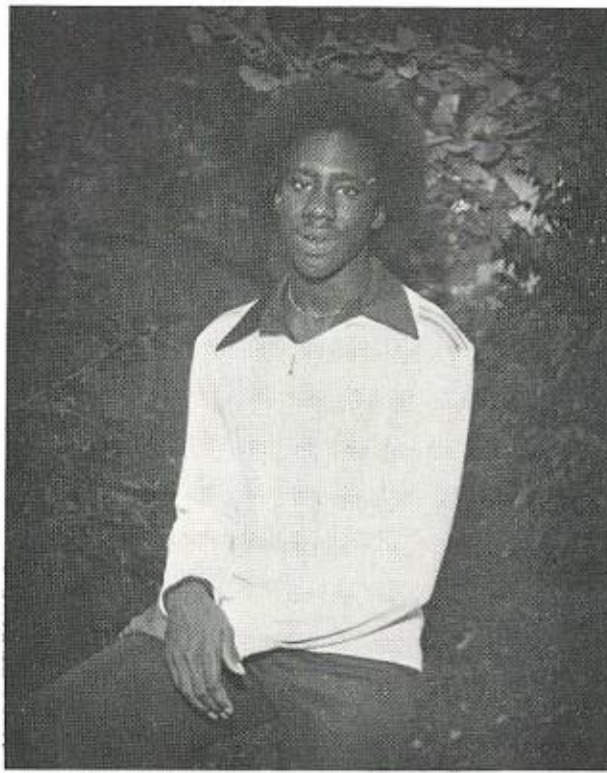


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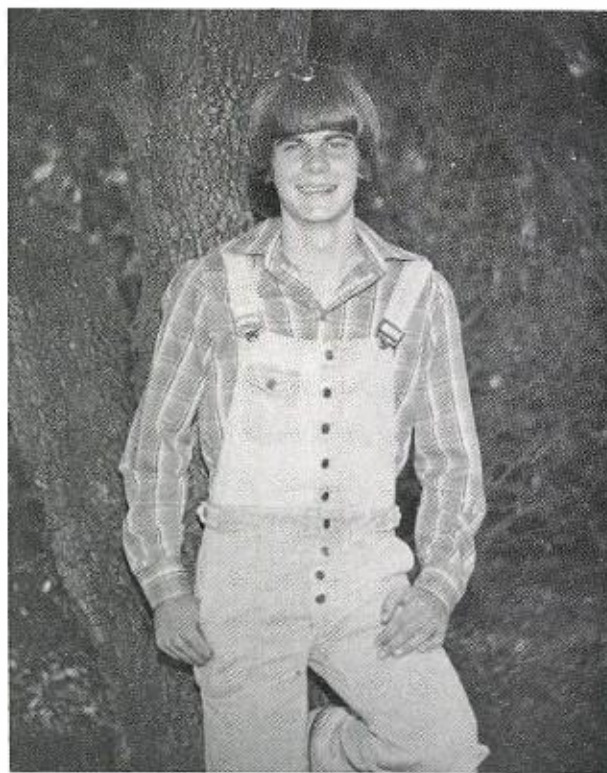


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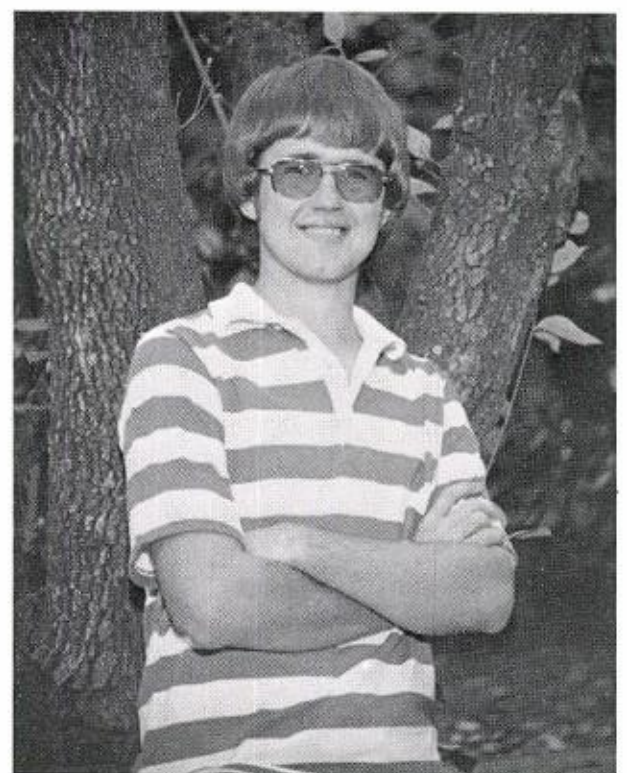




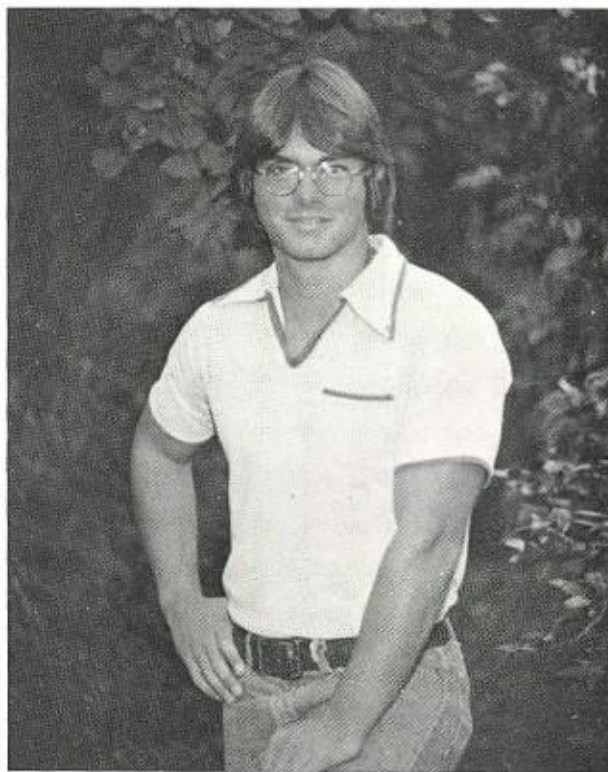
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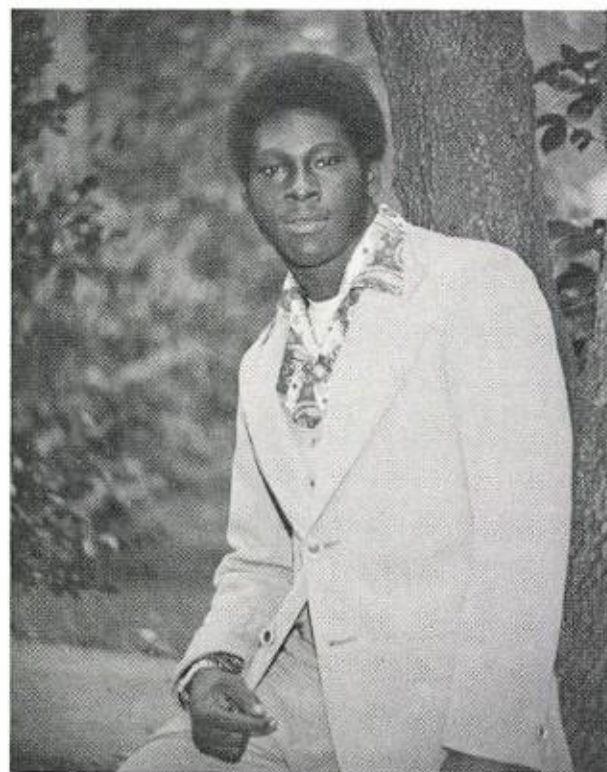
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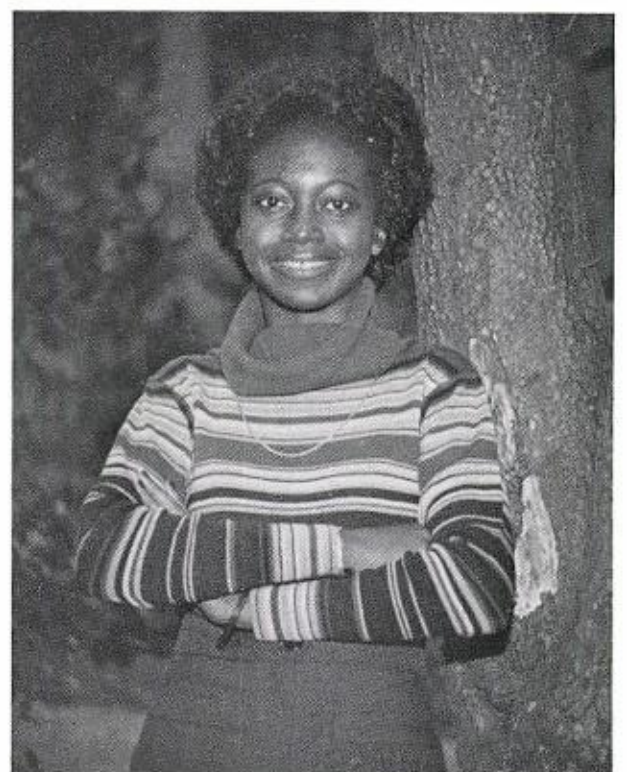
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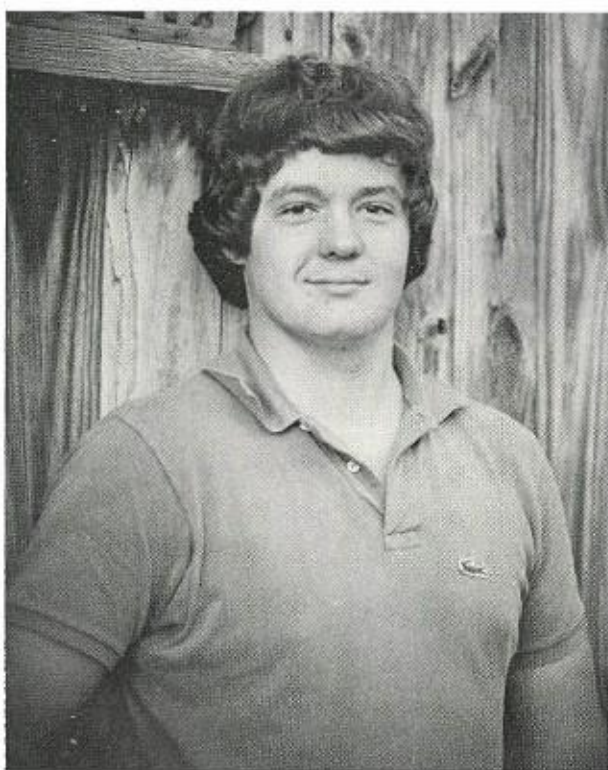
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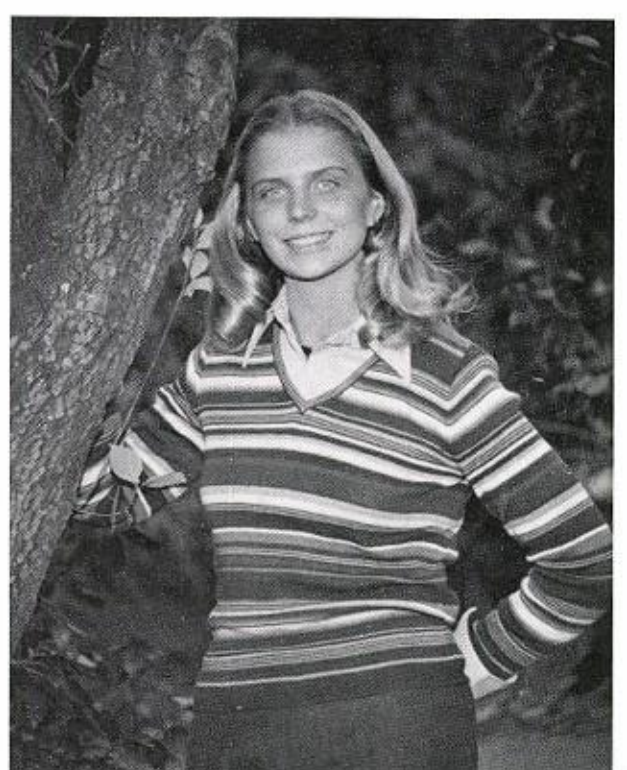
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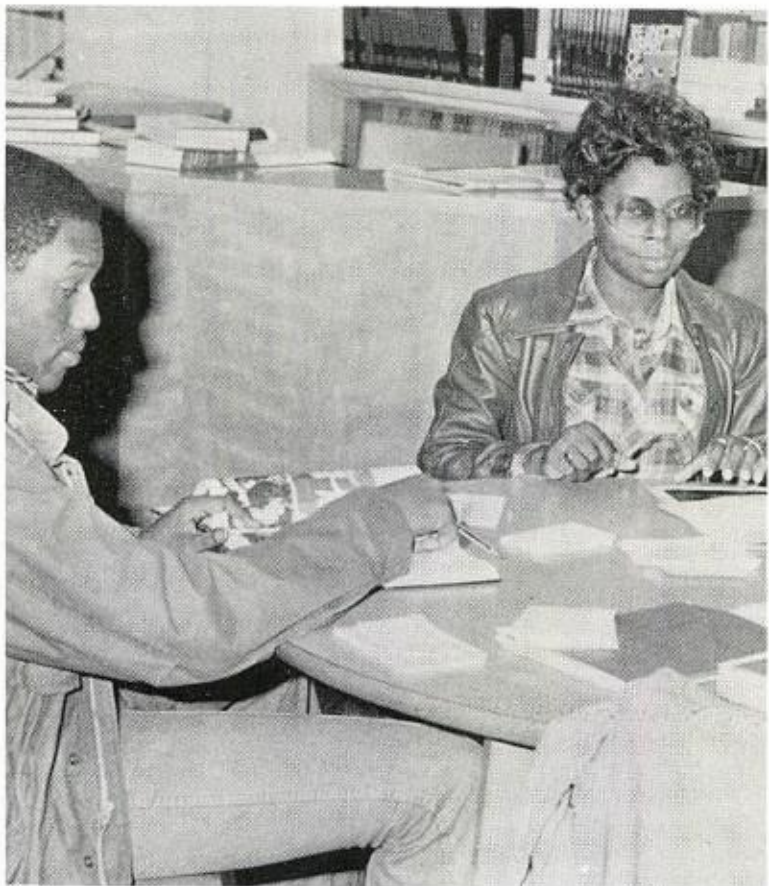
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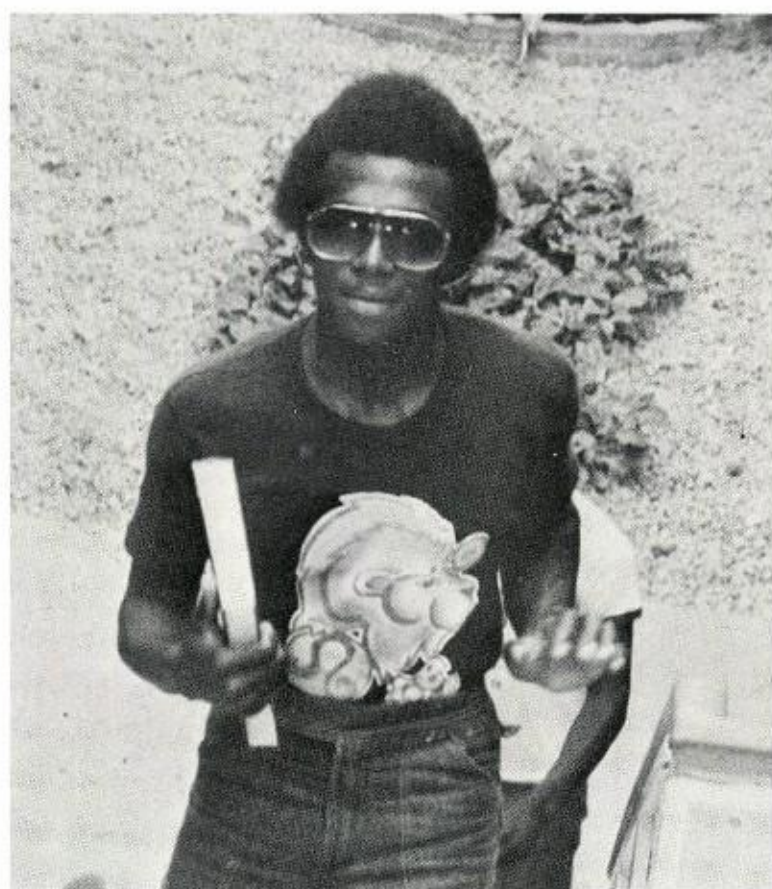


Being a Senior means finally being boss!



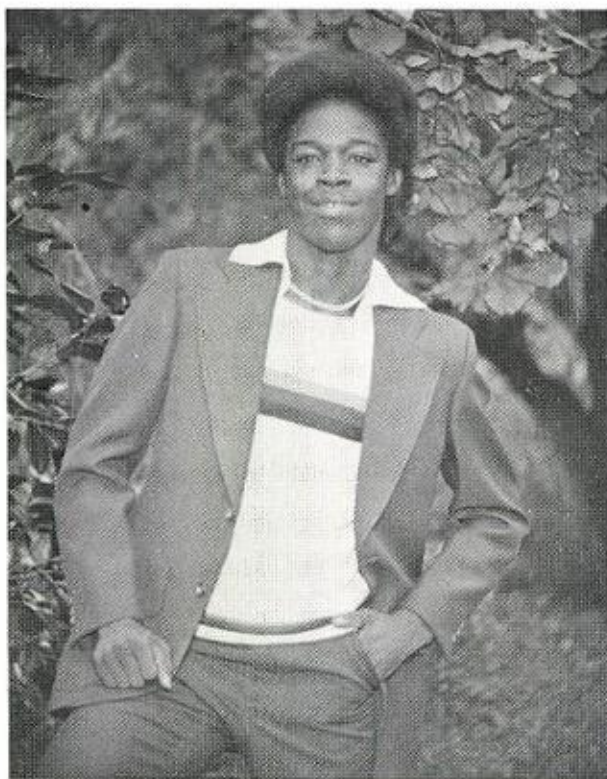


Being a Senior means having clout.





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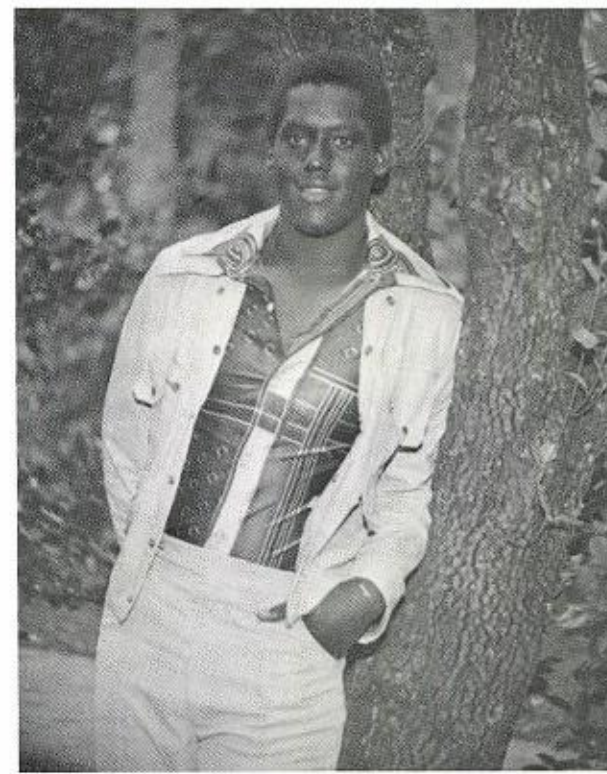
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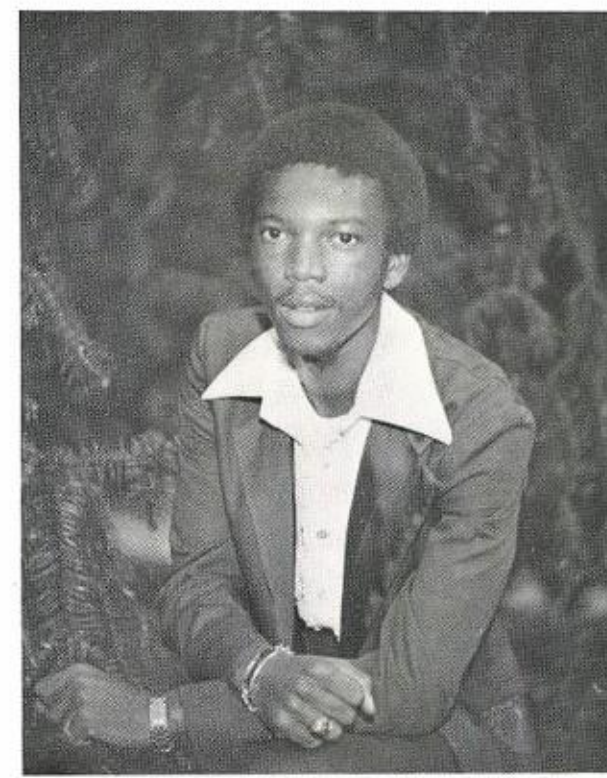
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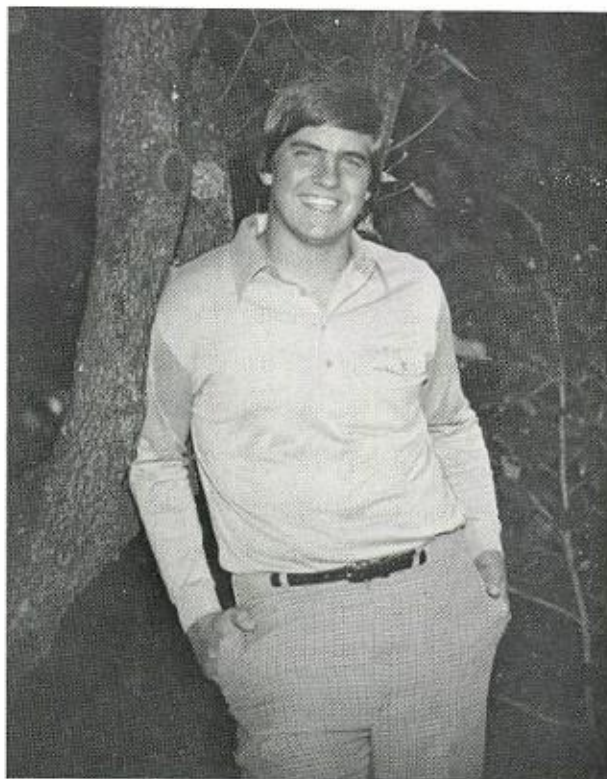
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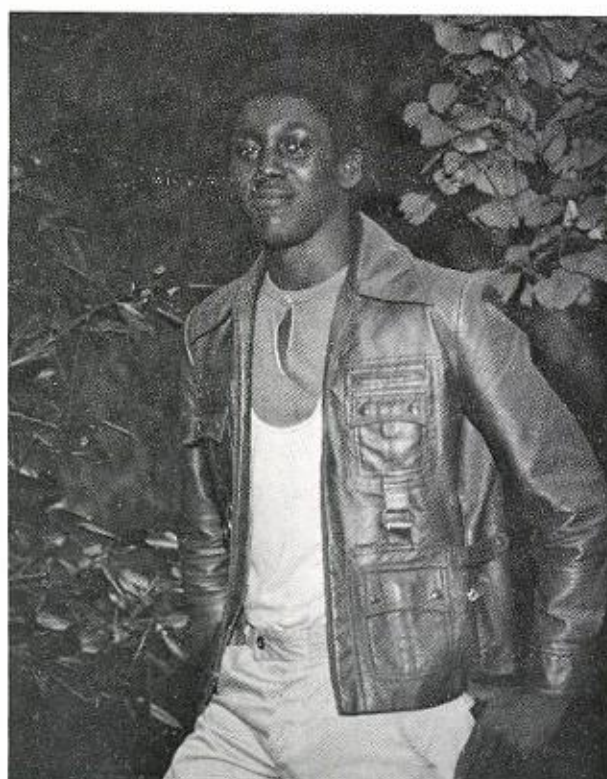
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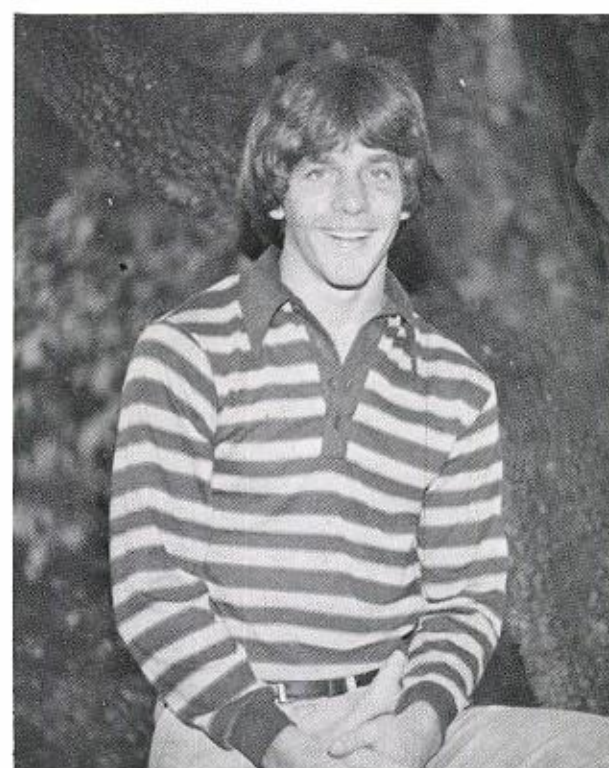
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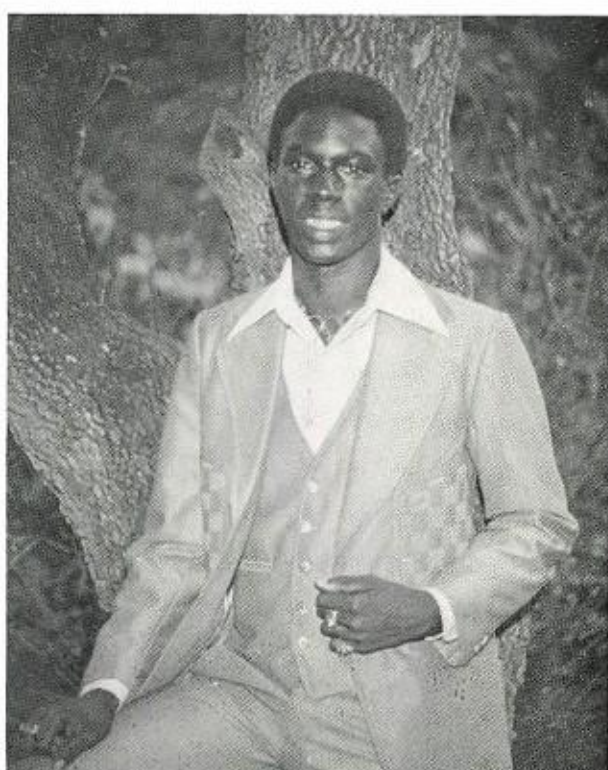
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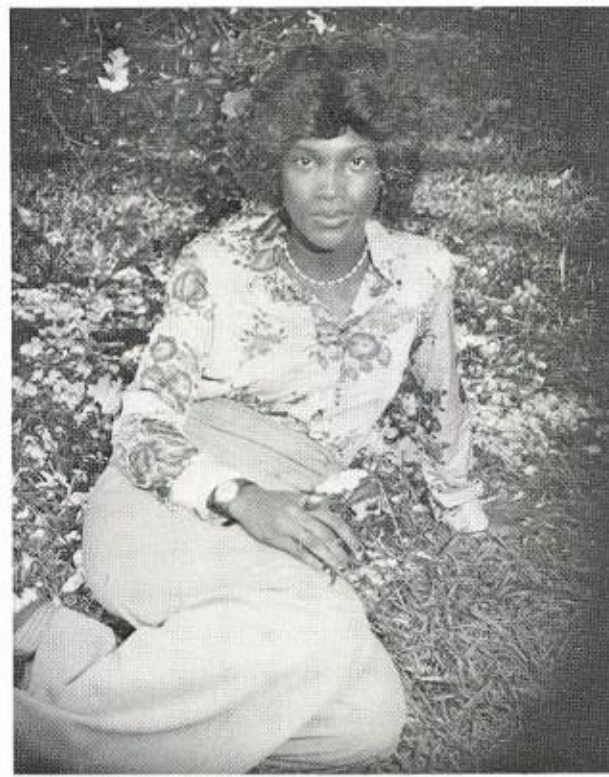
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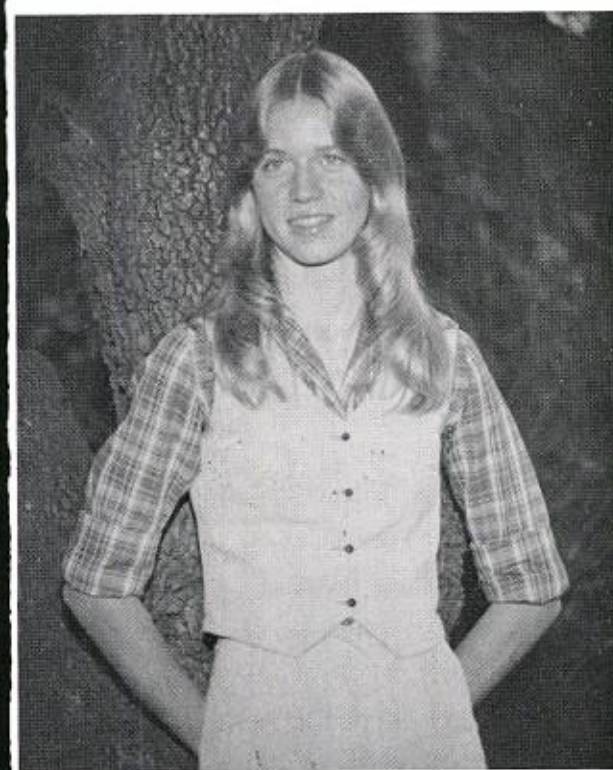
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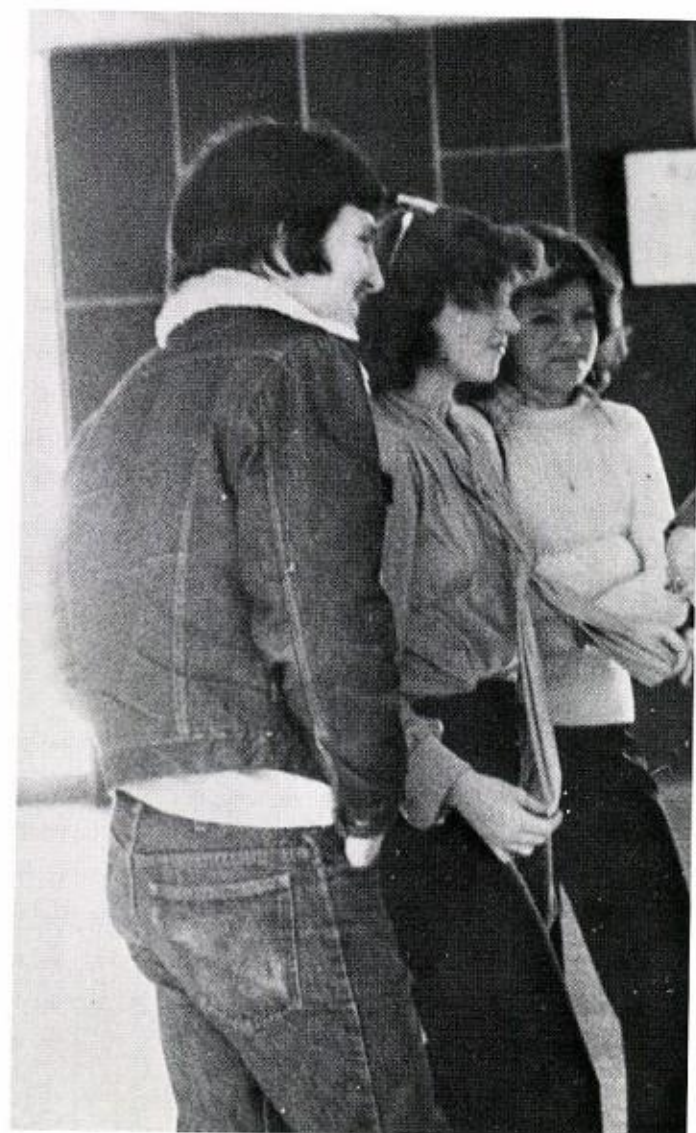
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Earlene Robinson



Eula Ross



The Senior year in high school is one of the most memorable years of life.

It is the last year of high school, and part of the senior's life is about to be over. He can look back through the years and realize that he has fully completed his elementary education and will soon complete his secondary education.

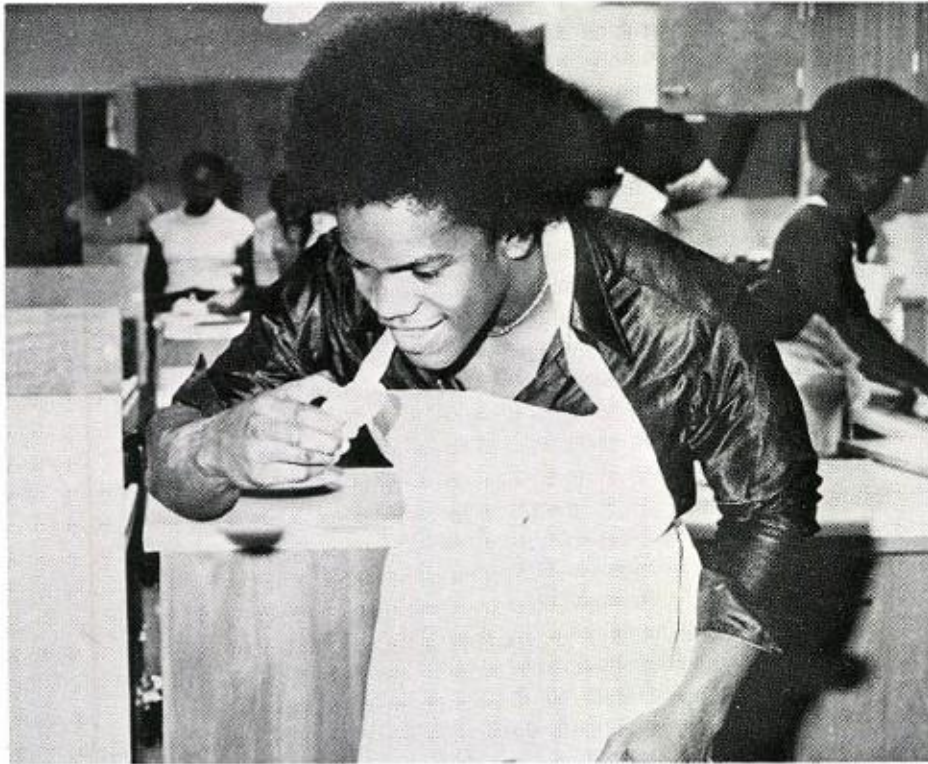
The growth that has taken place during these years is obvious. Physical growth is most evident, but there are other types of growth that have occurred. These examples of growing are not as easily noticed as physical growth, but they are certainly as important.

Students begin a period of intellectual growth before the first grade which continues long after physical growth ends. The senior year is also a time for emotional growth. The emotional growth of a senior represents a kaleidoscope of feelings and attitudes which continue to grow long into the later years of life. Being a senior means growing.



* ~No~ *
Students
Beyond
his POINT

Being a Senior means knowing that the sign in the office that says, "no students beyond this point" doesn't necessarily apply to you.

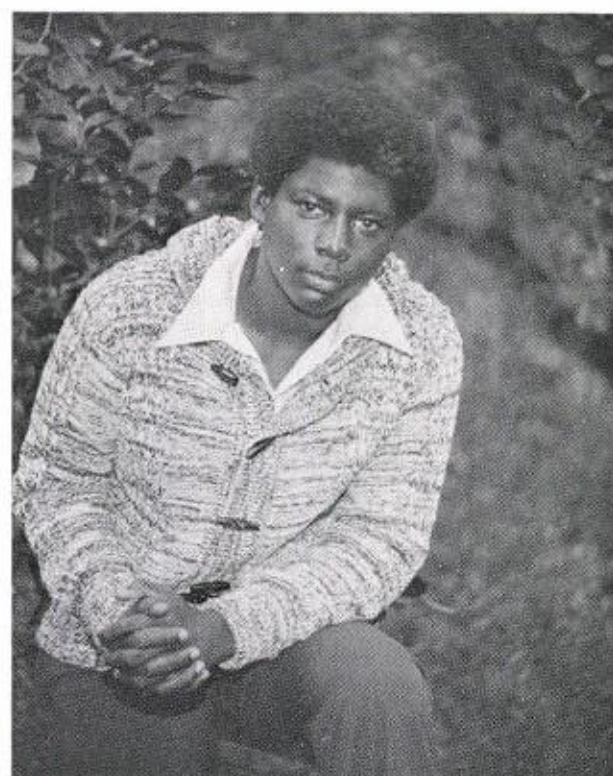




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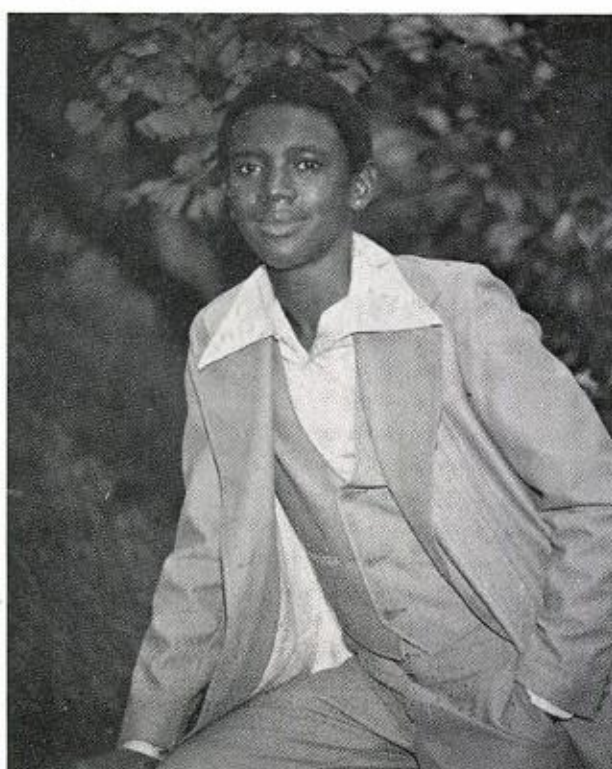
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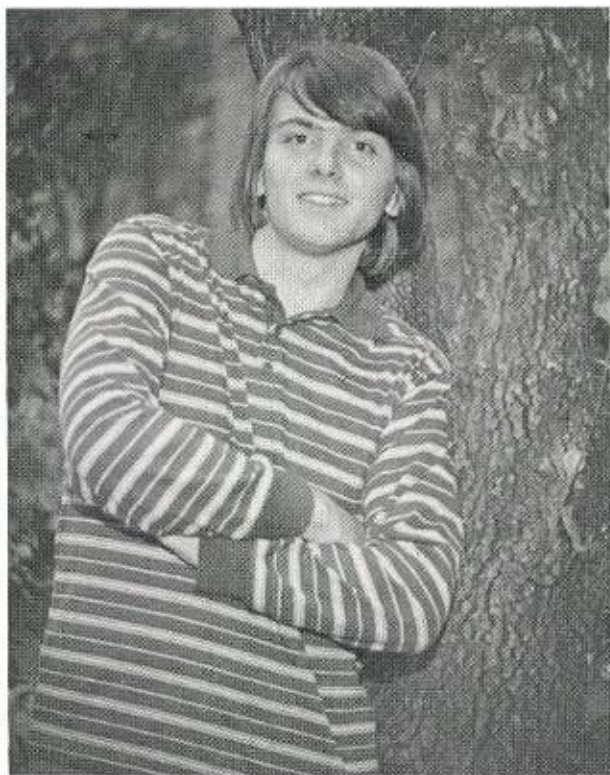
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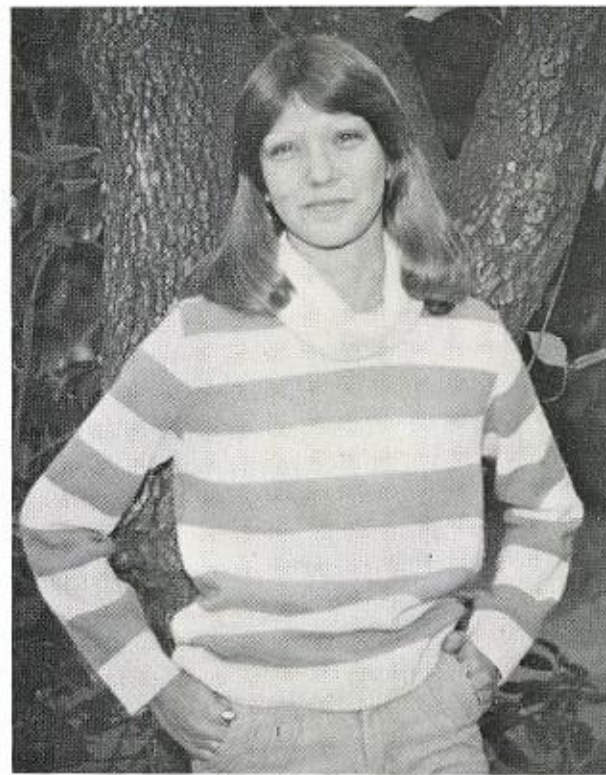
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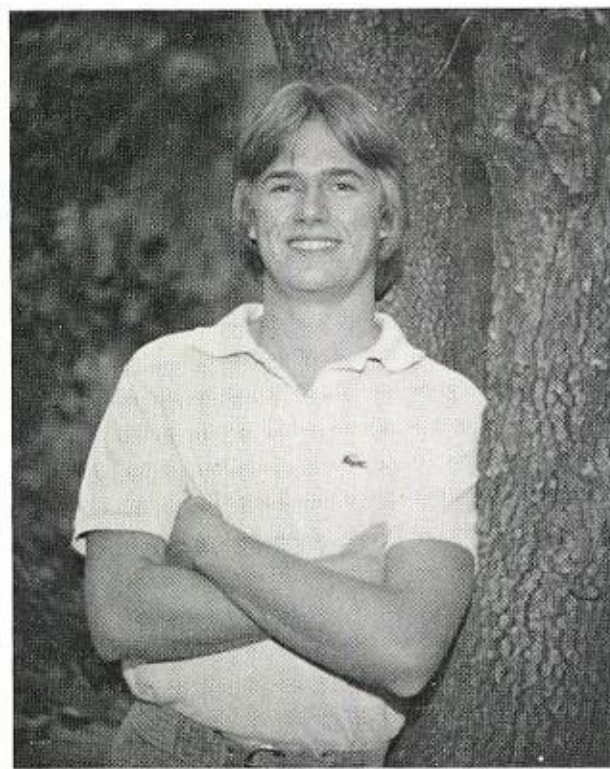
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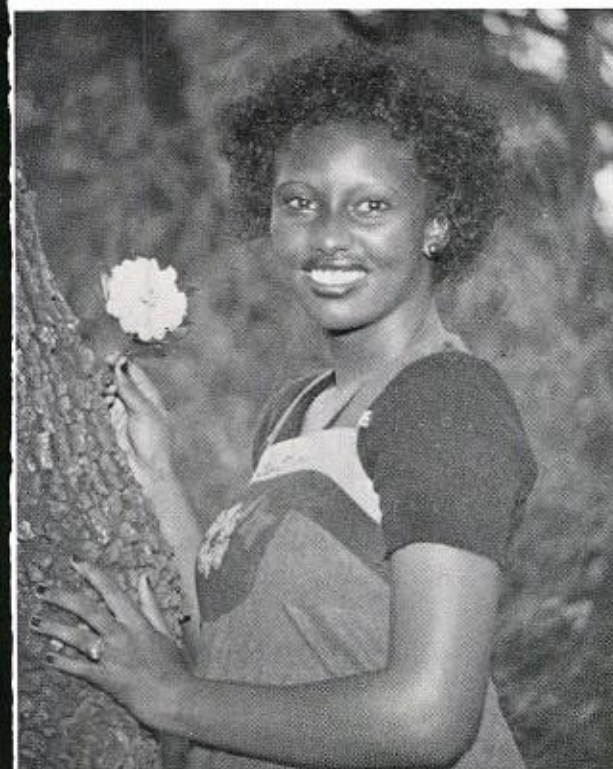
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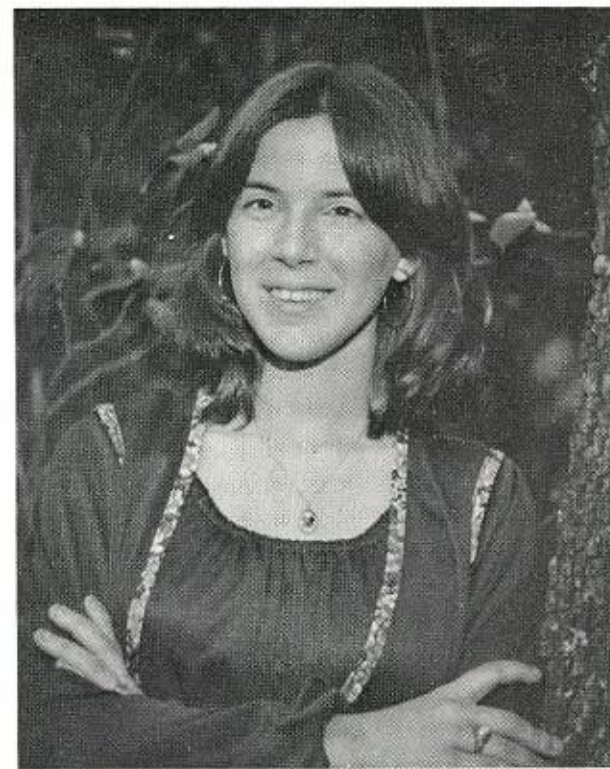
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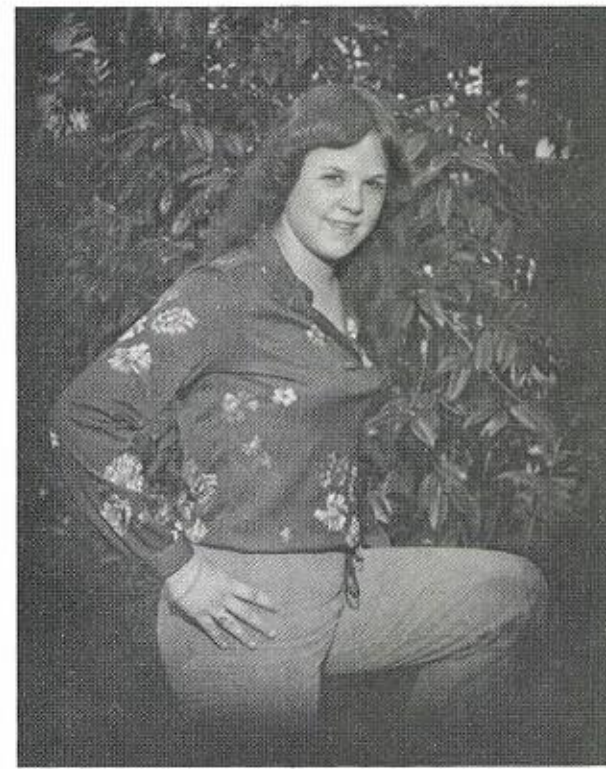
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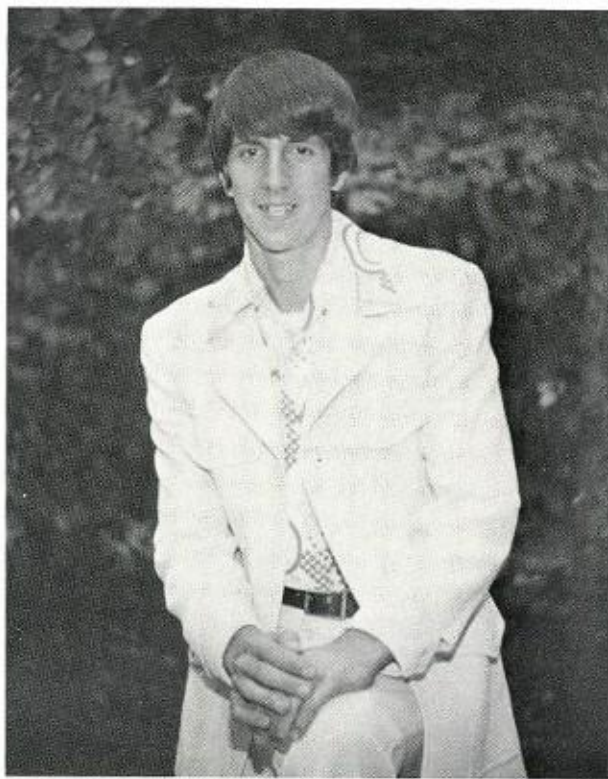
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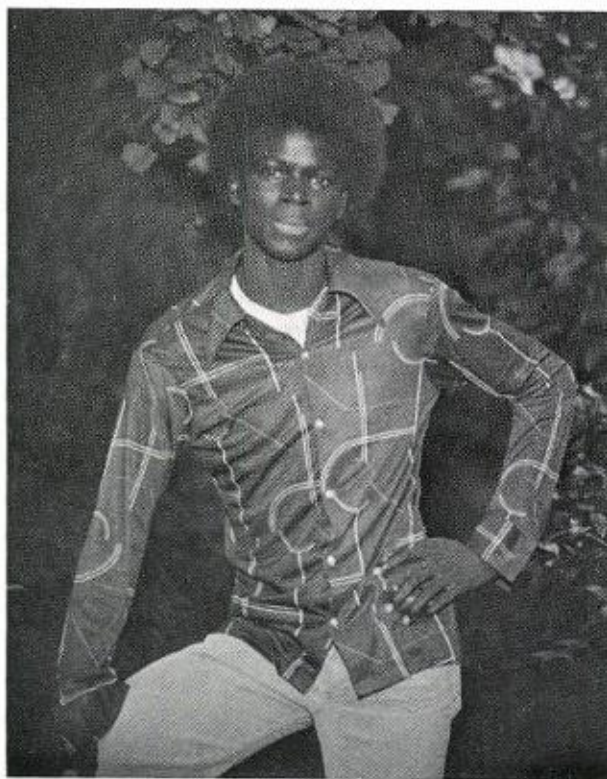
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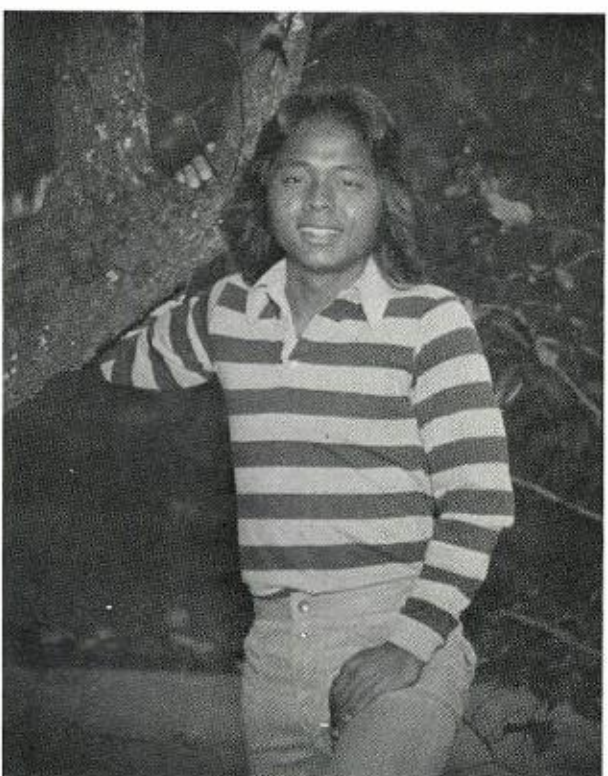
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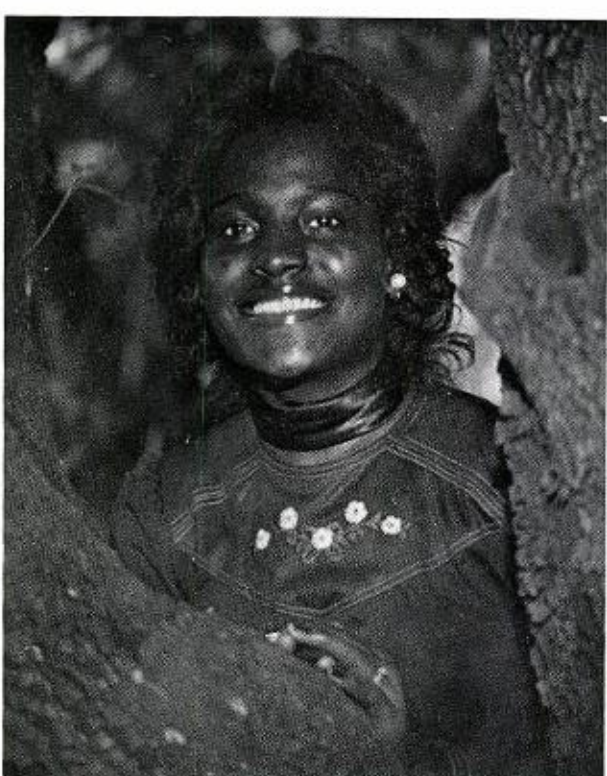
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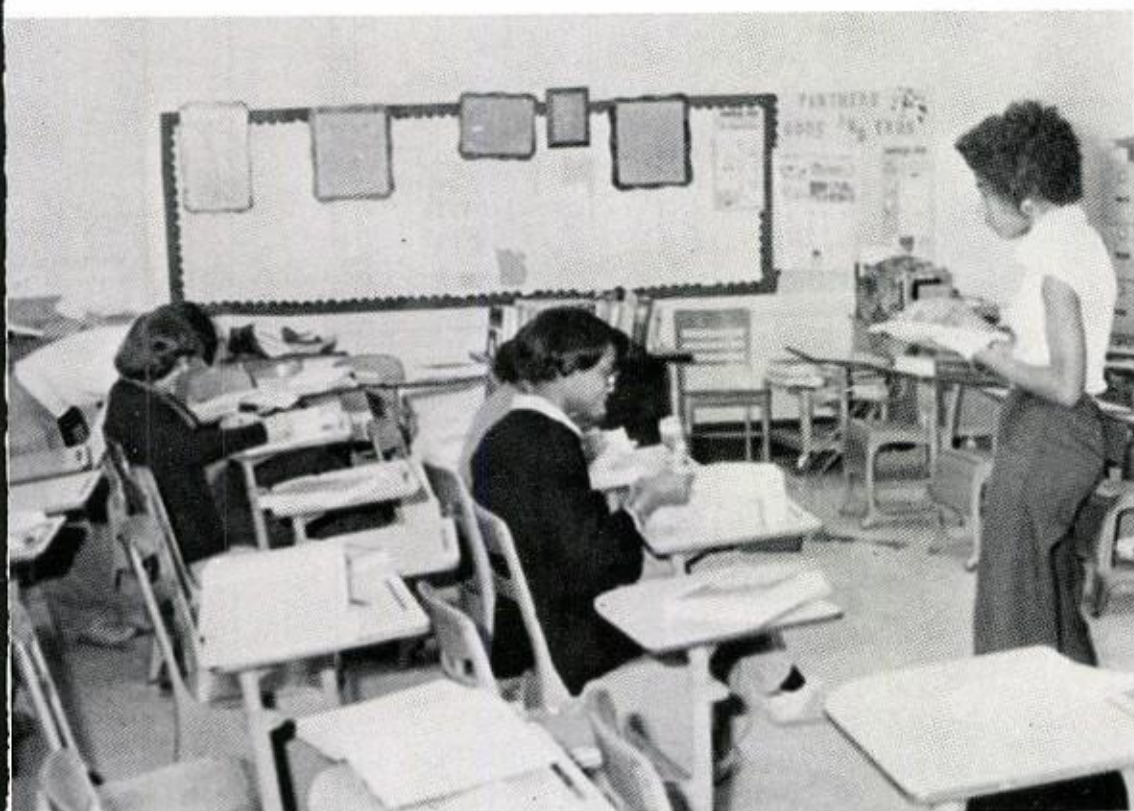
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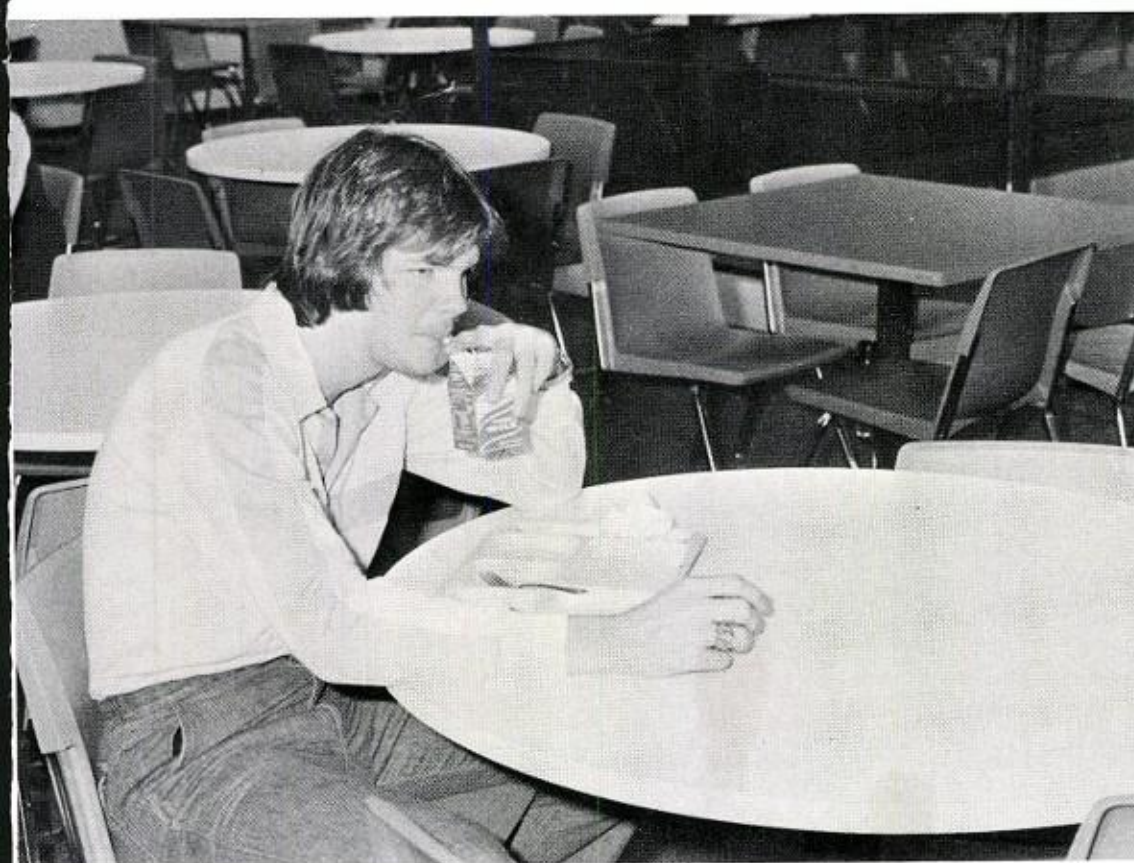
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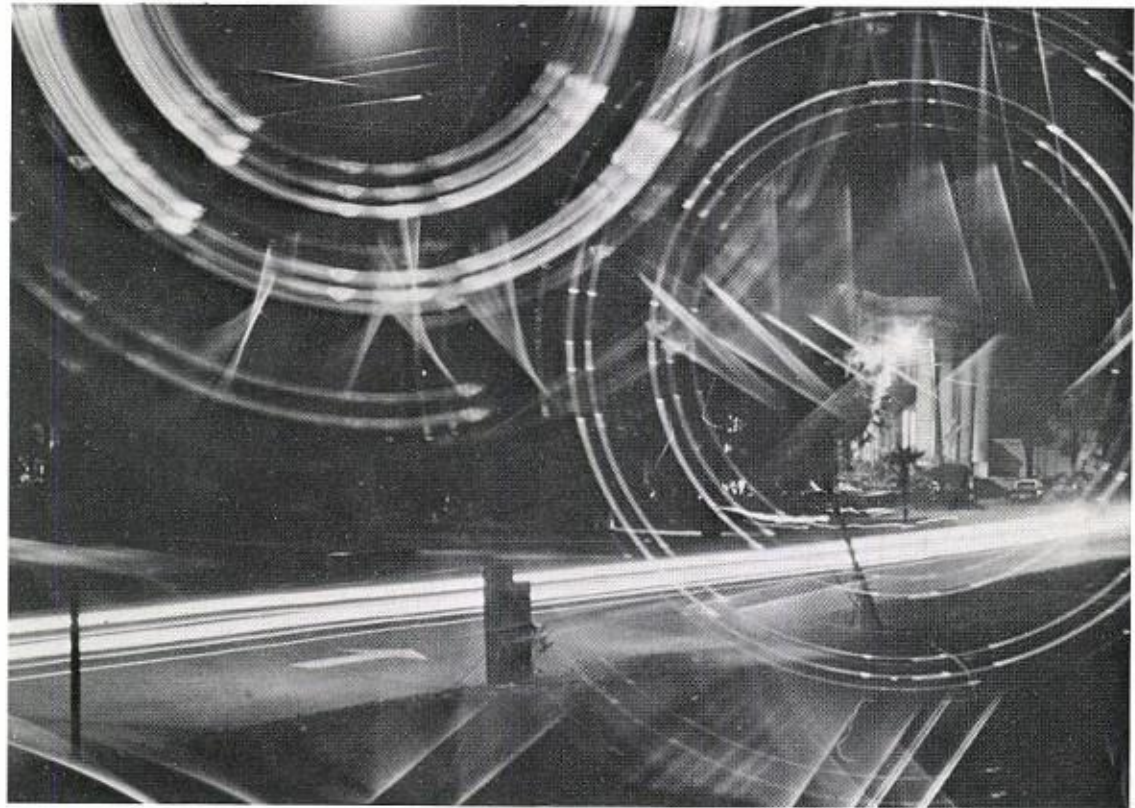
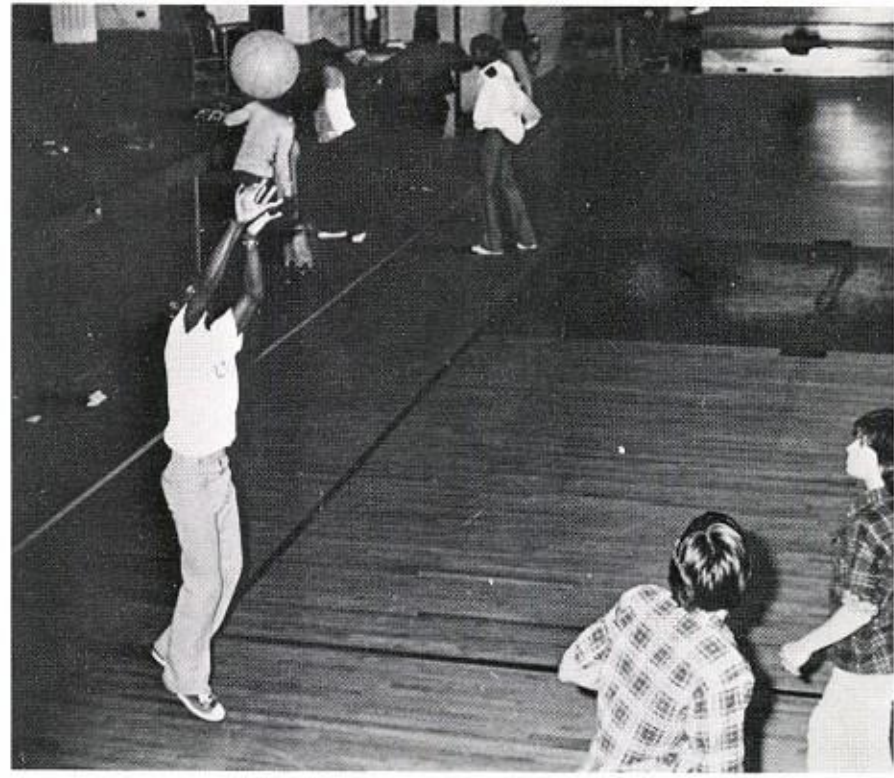


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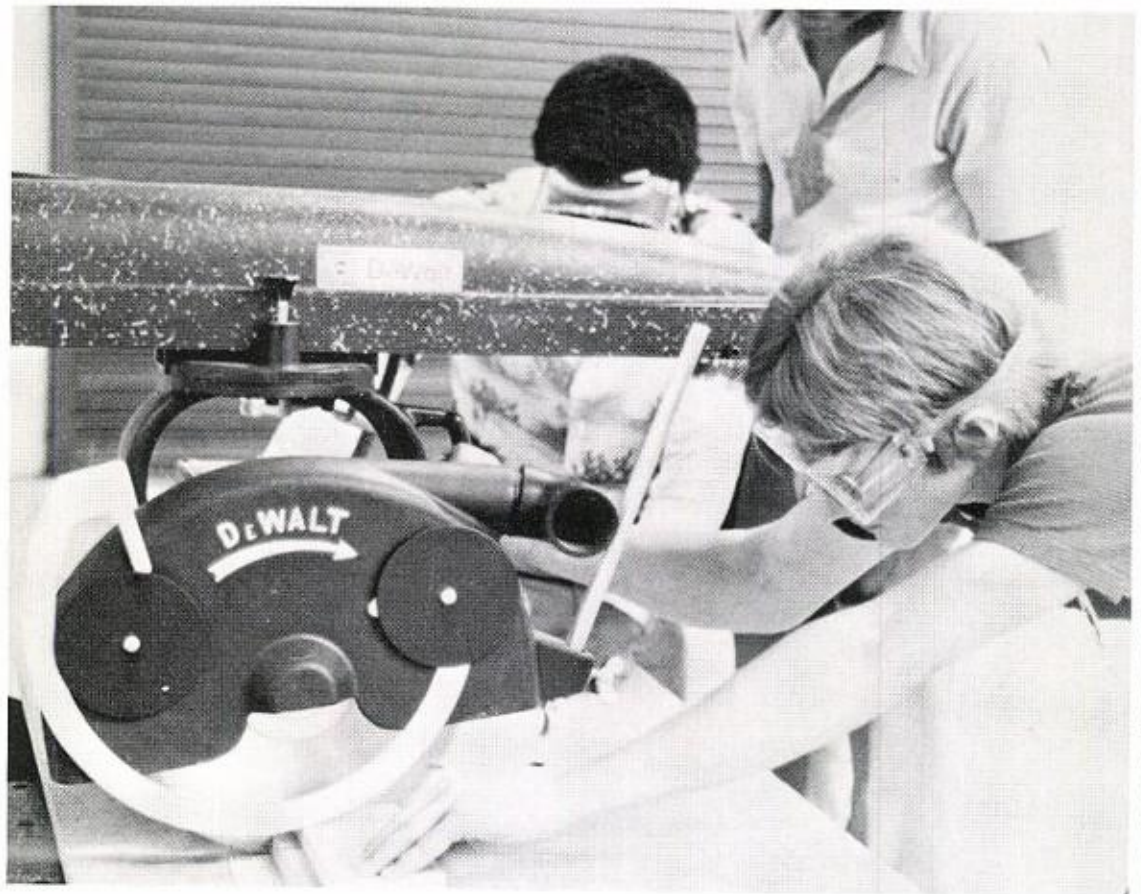
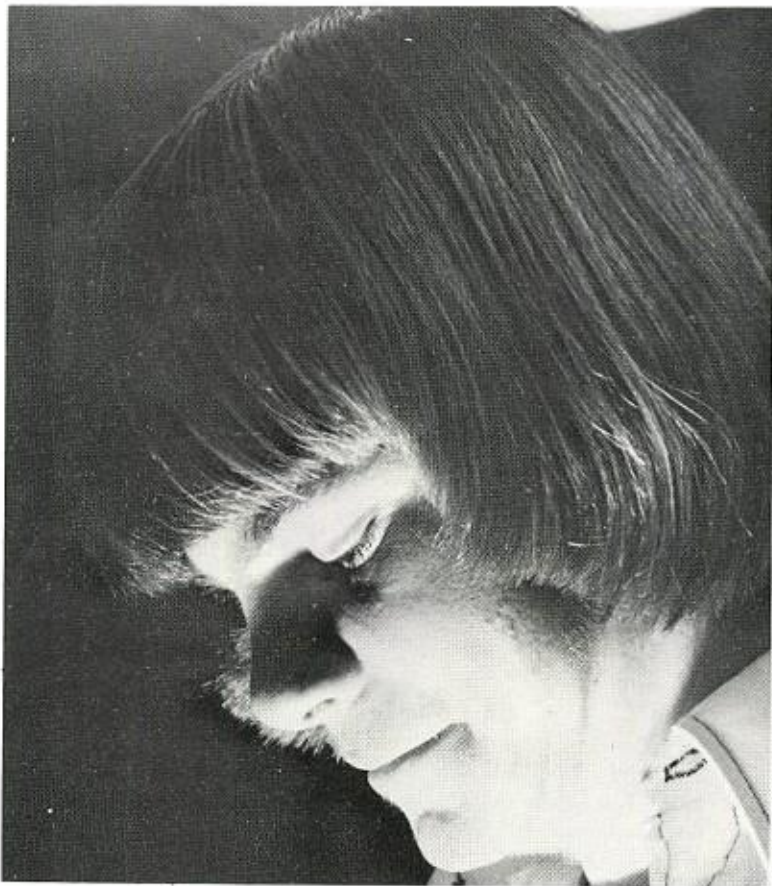


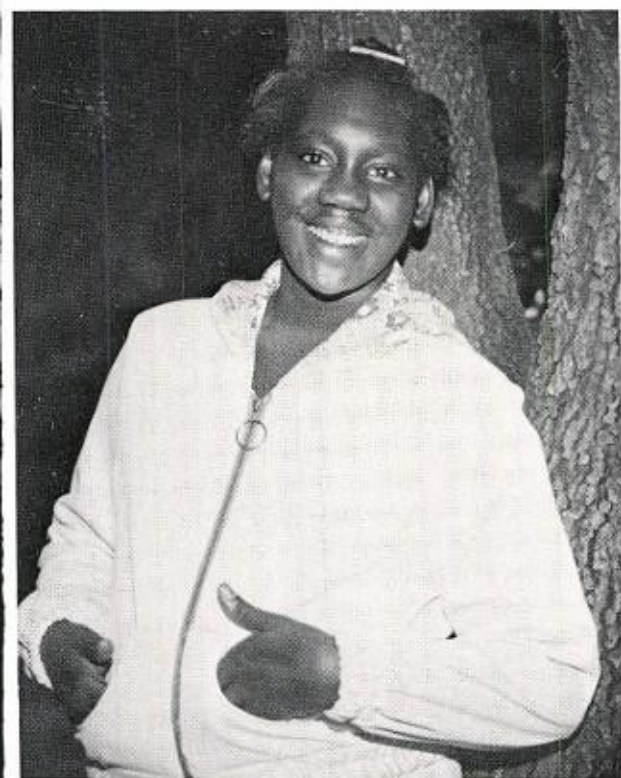
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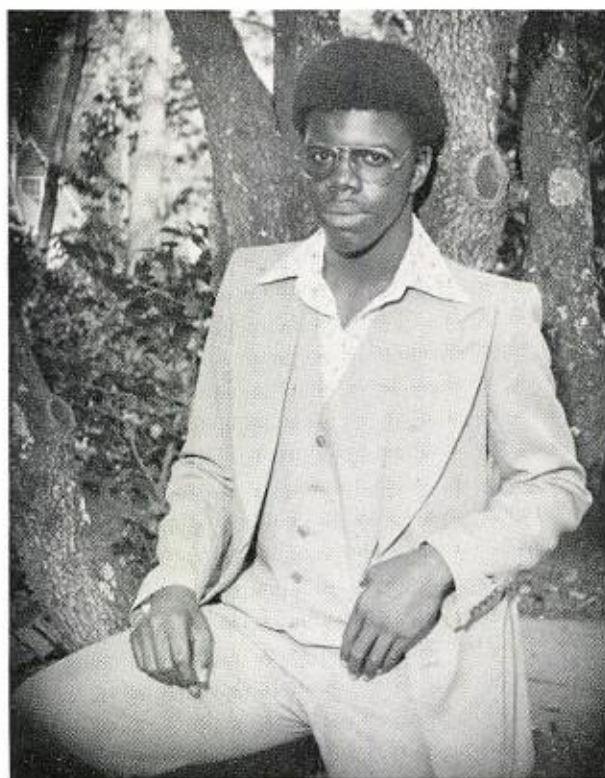


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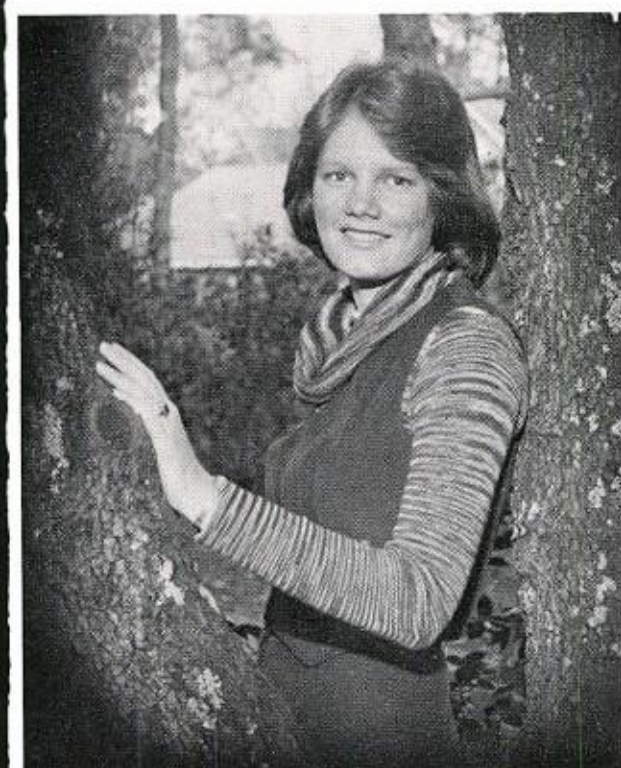
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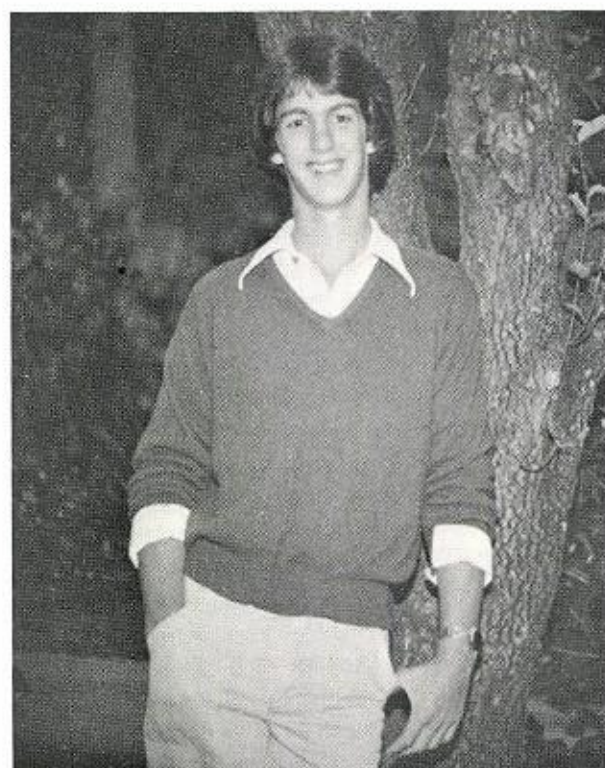
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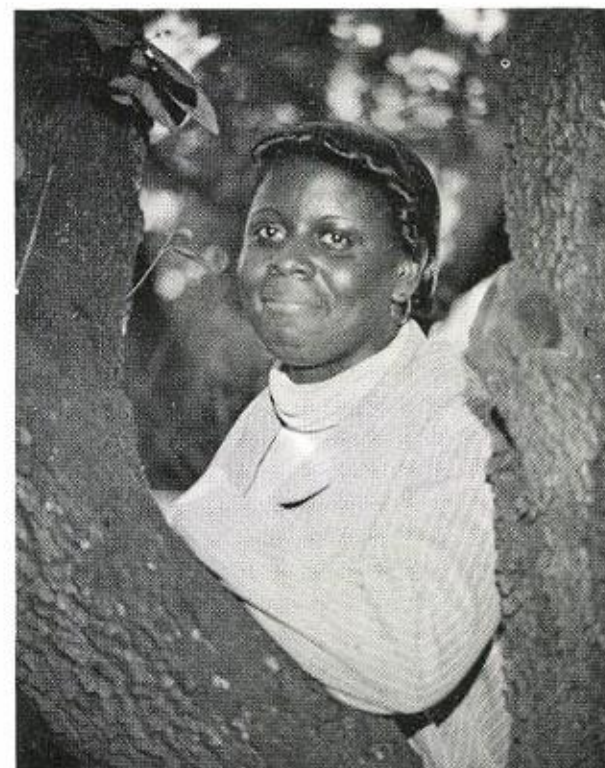
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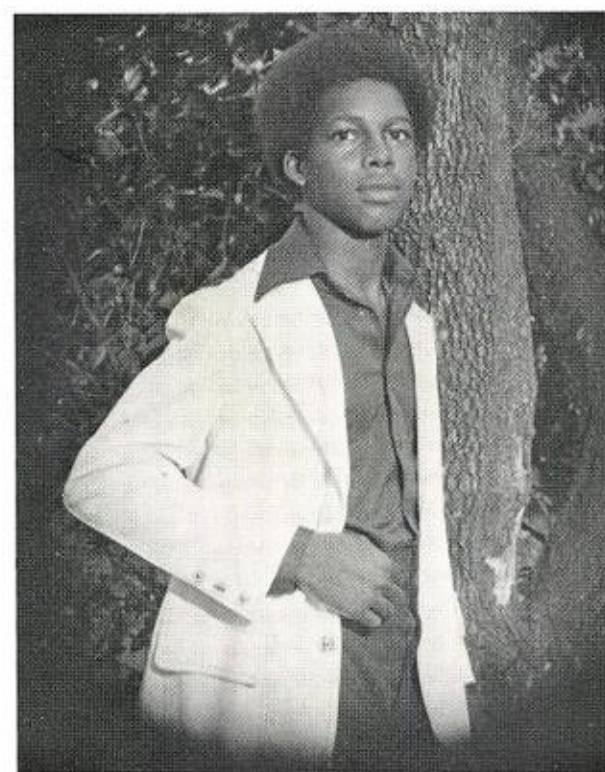
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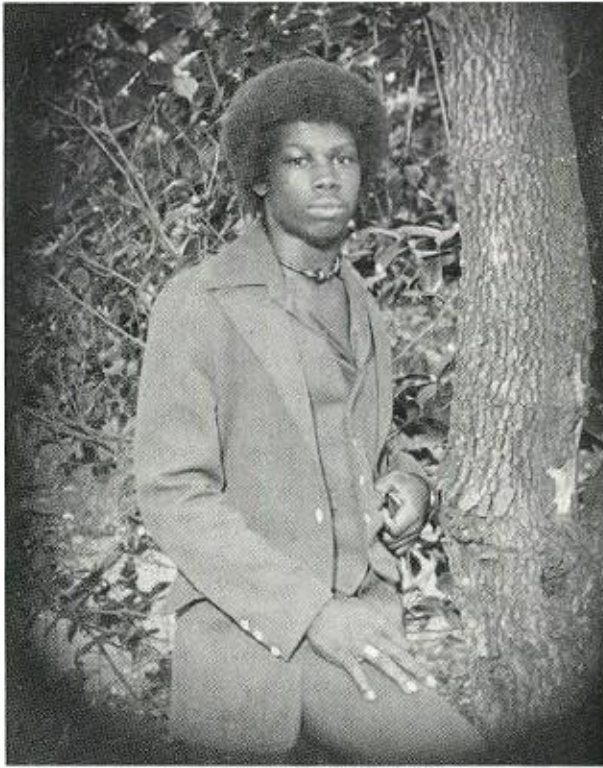
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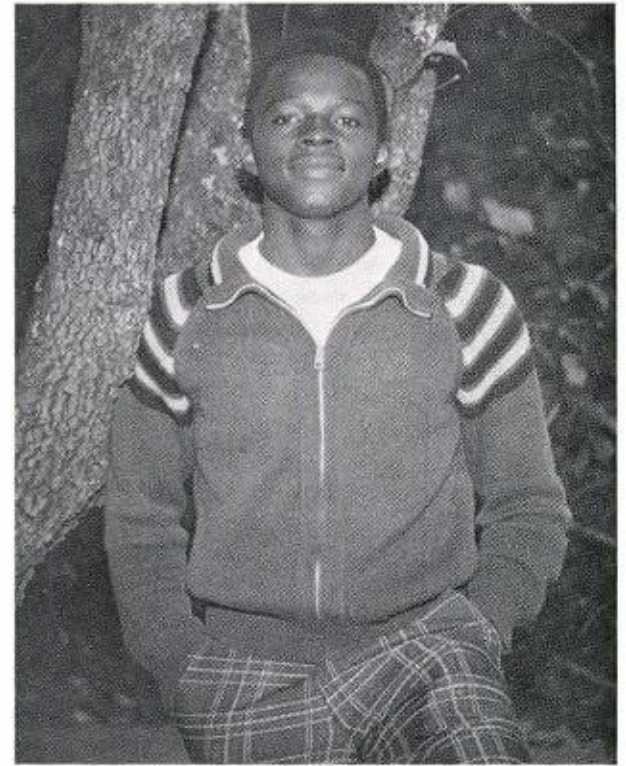
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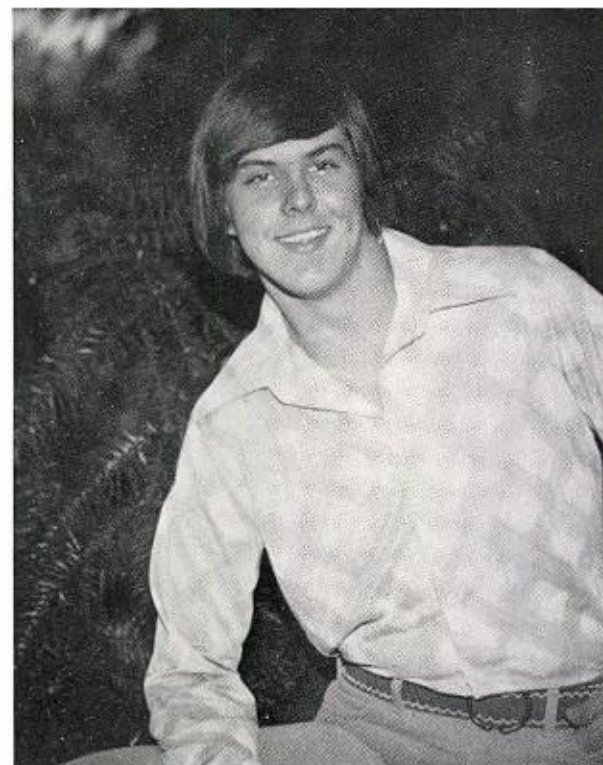
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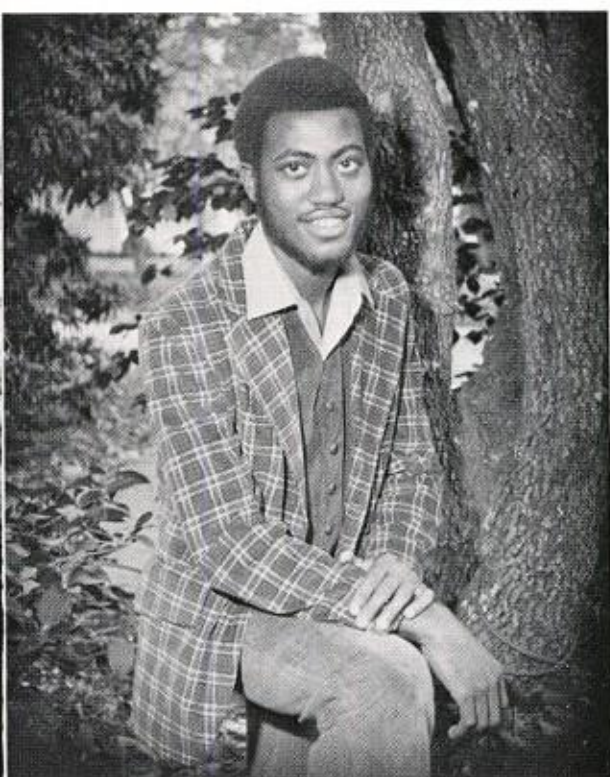
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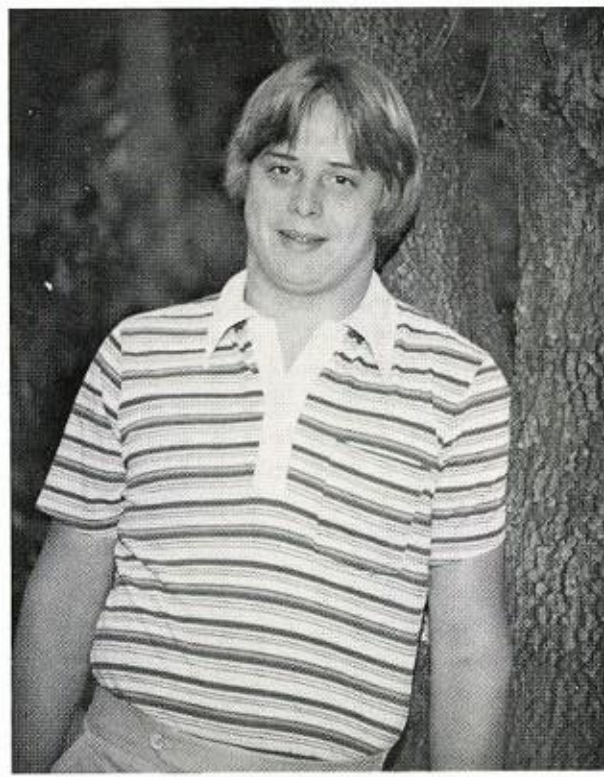
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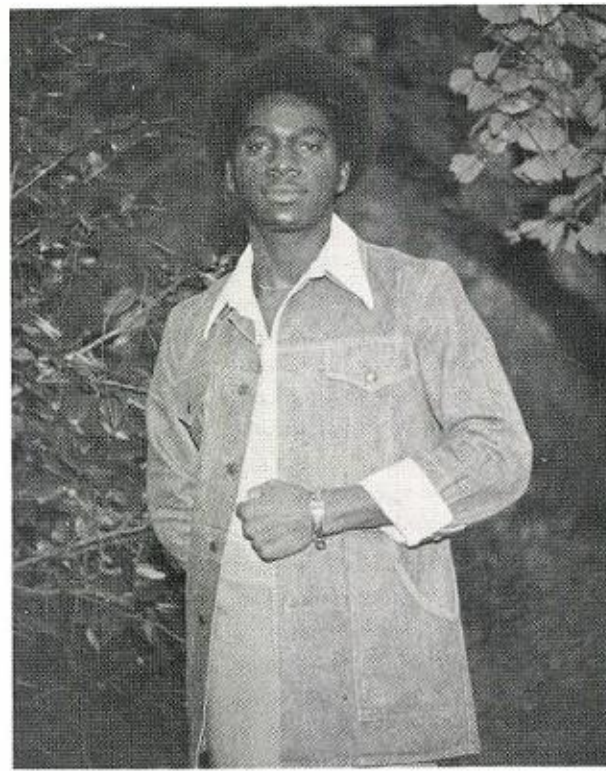
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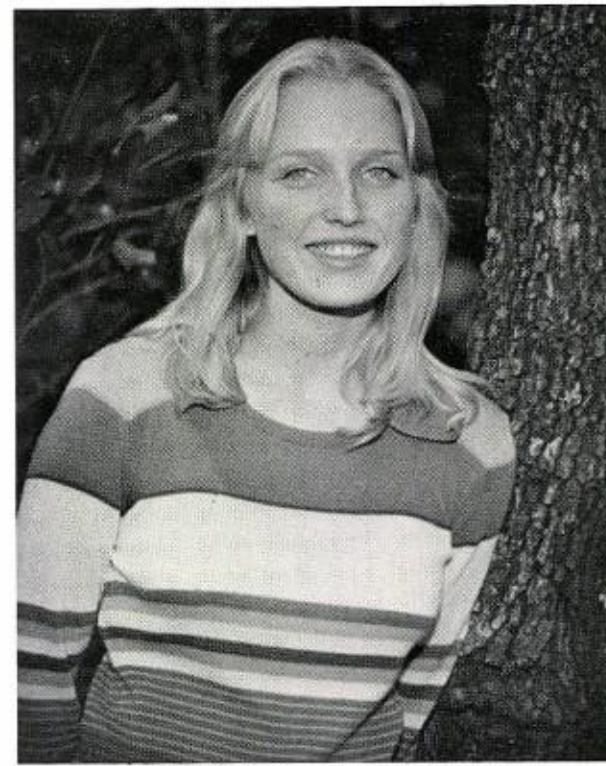
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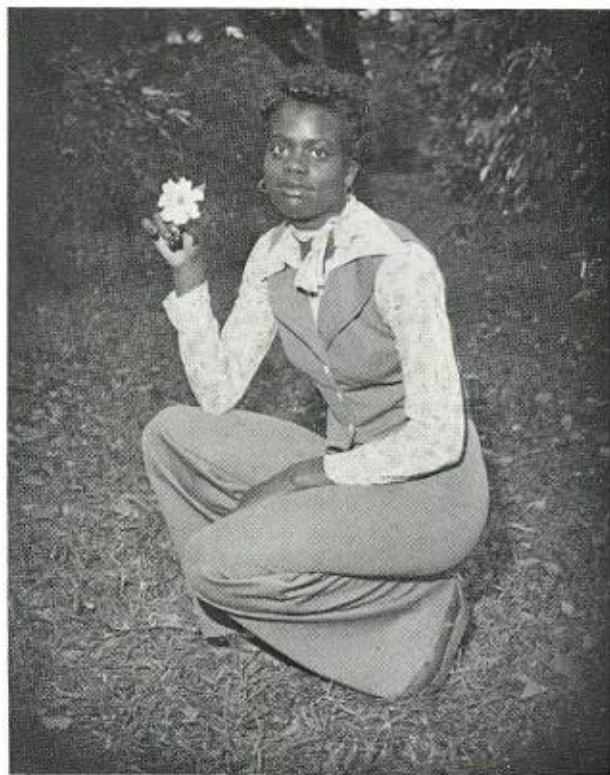
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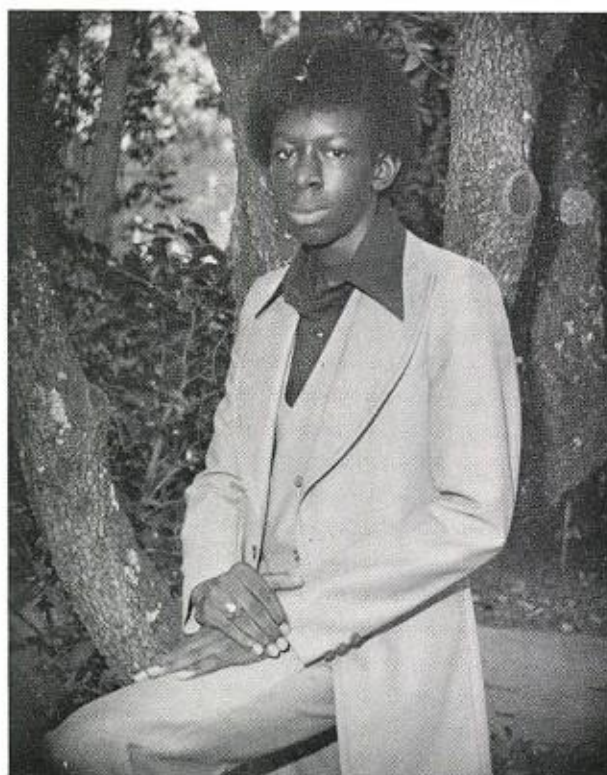
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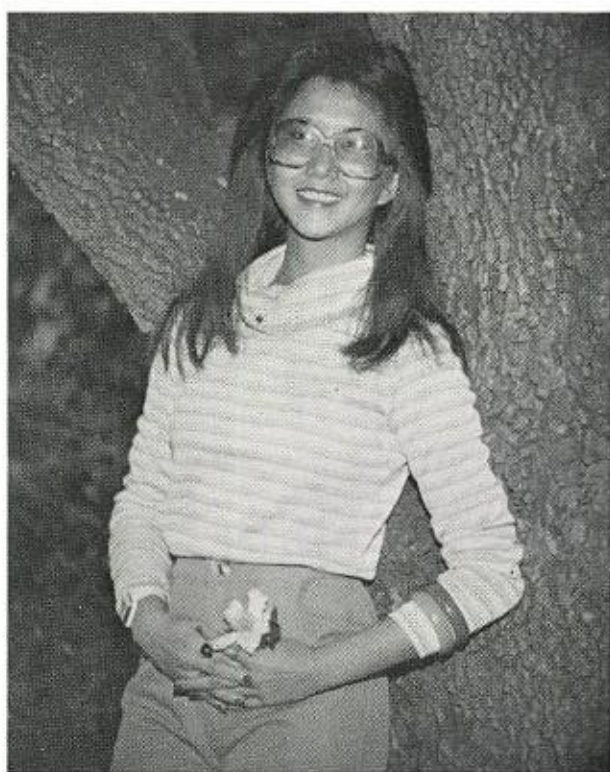
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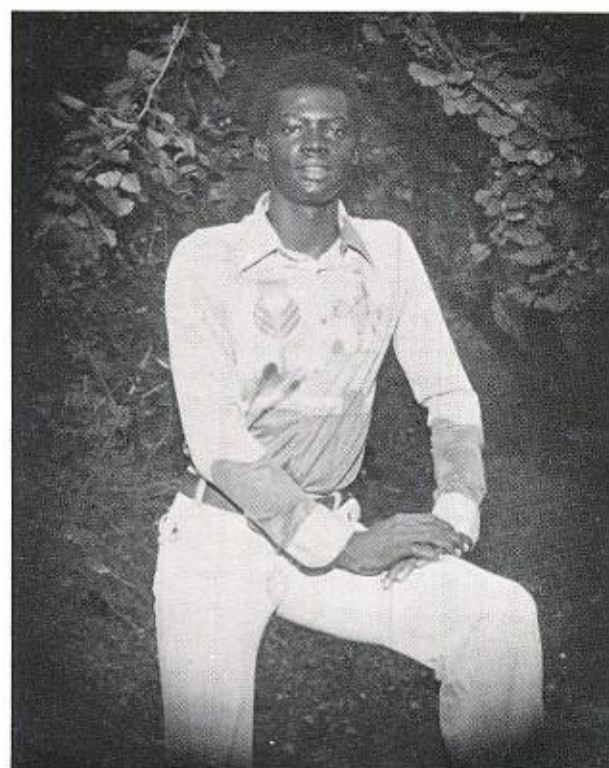
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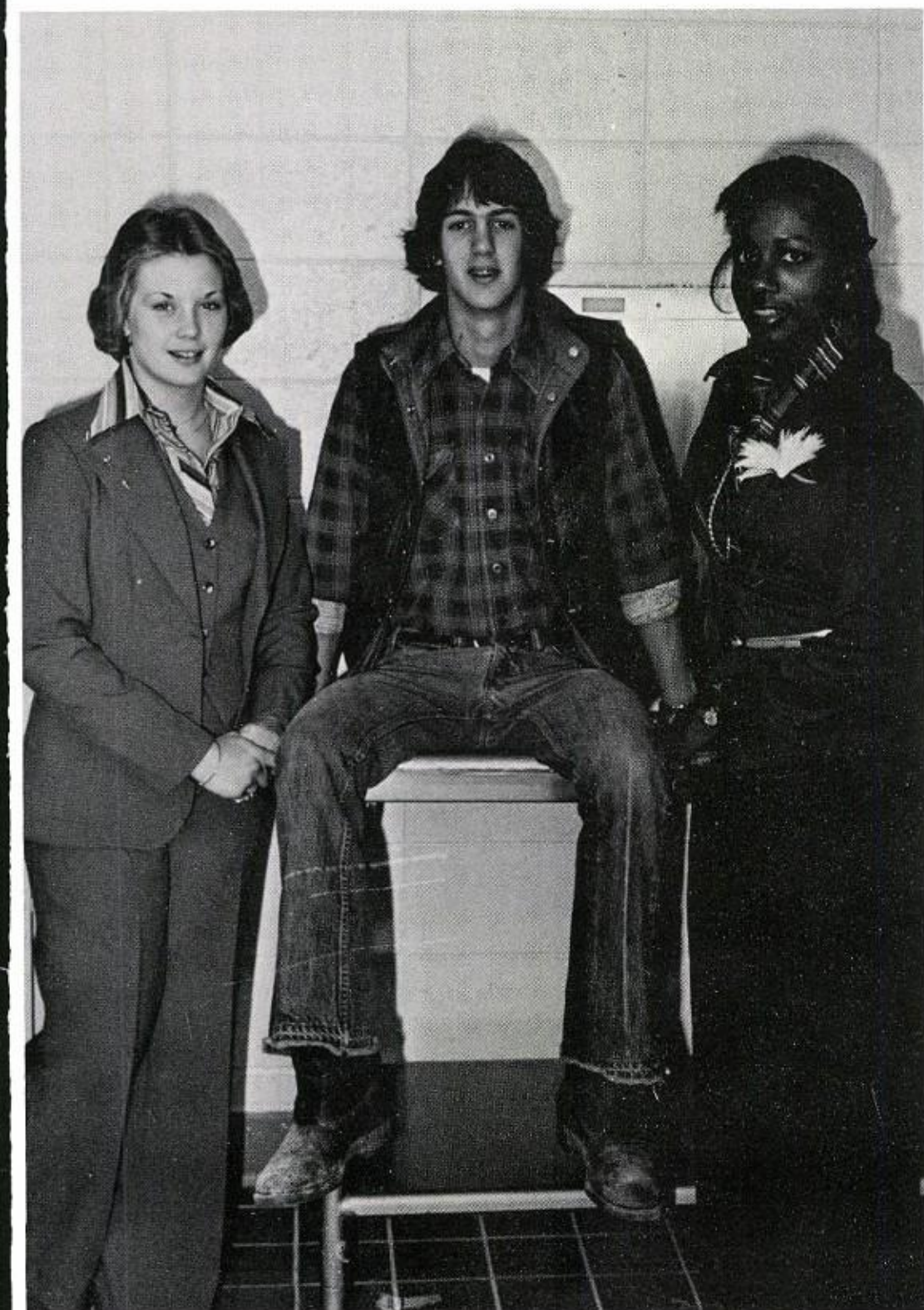
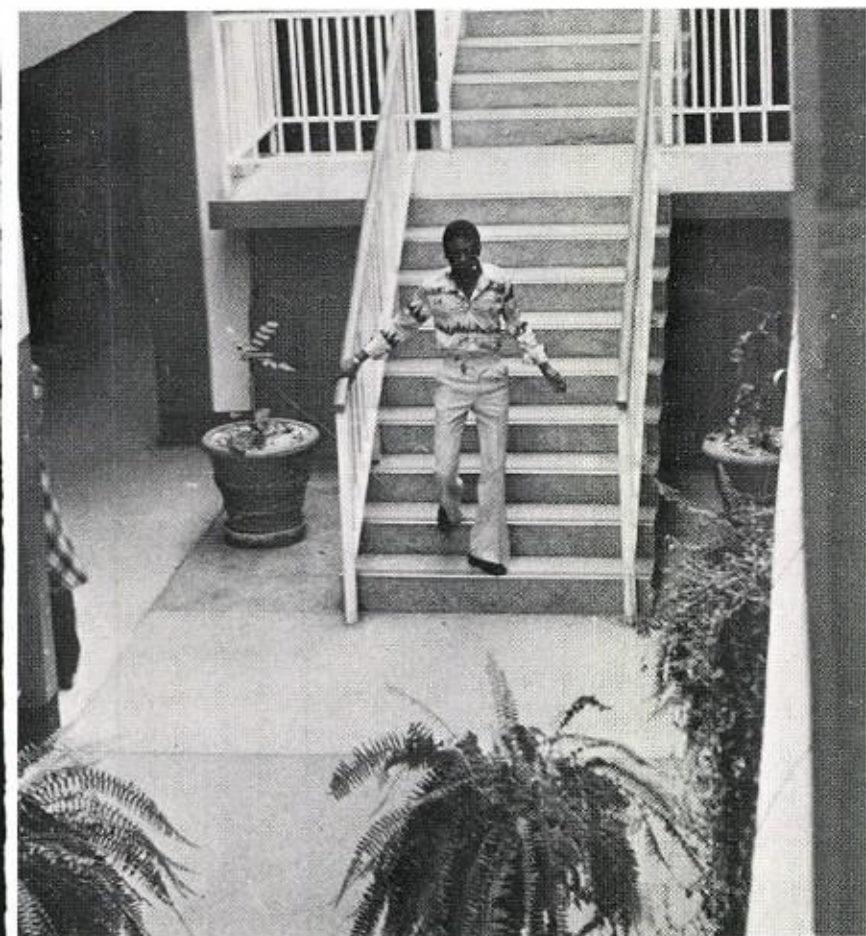
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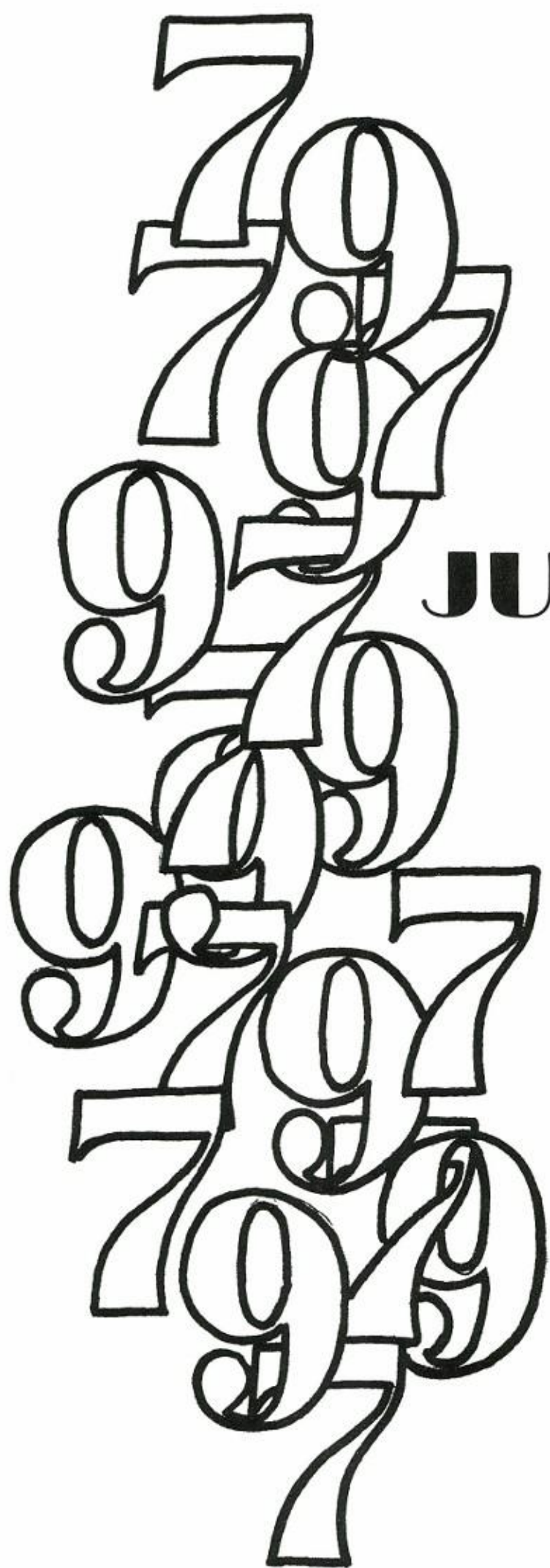
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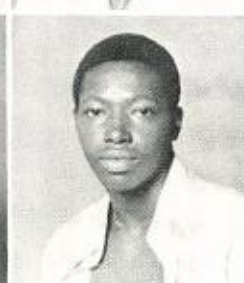
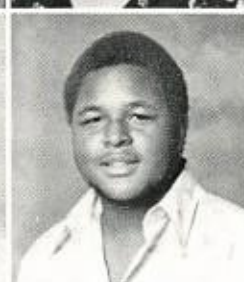
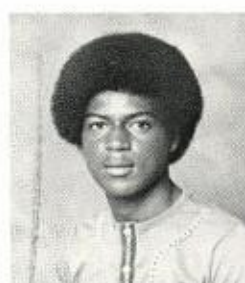
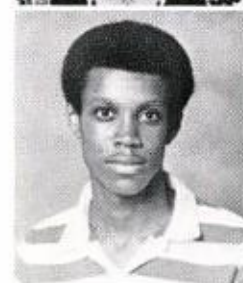
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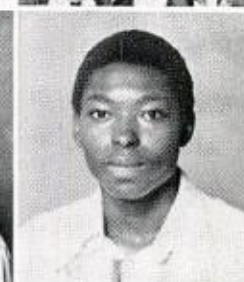
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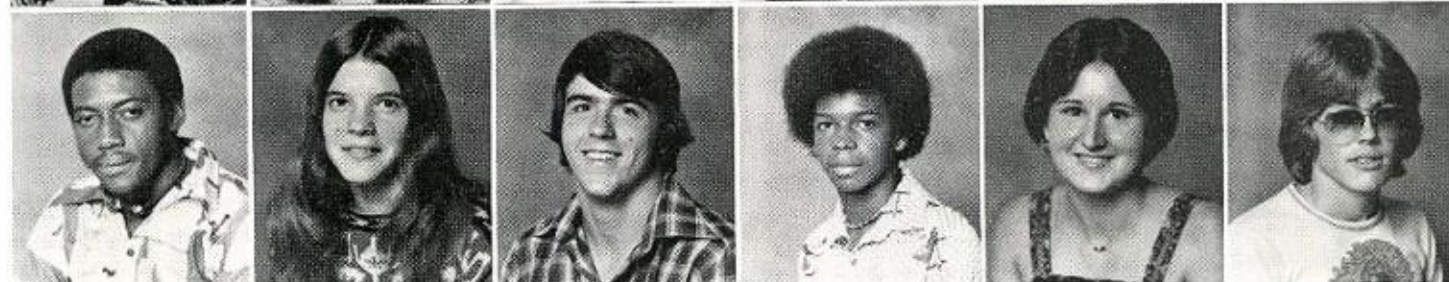
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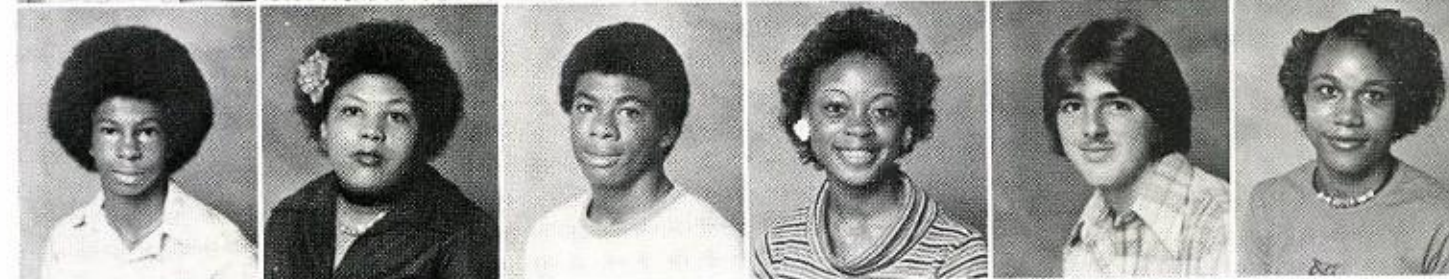
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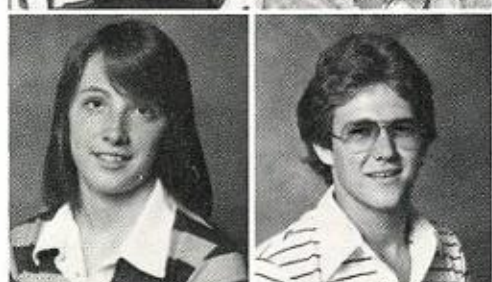


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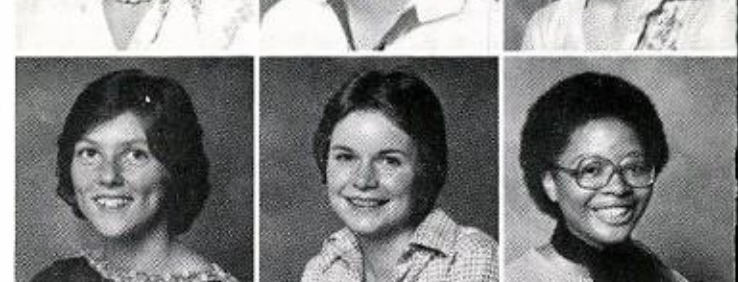
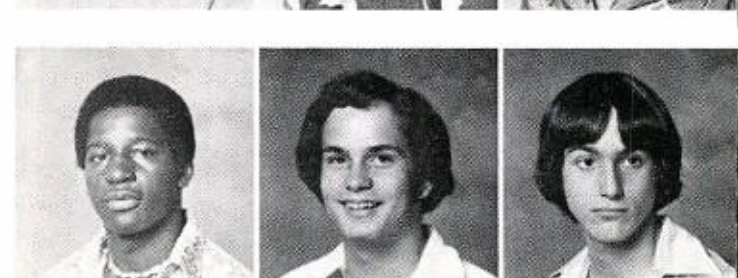
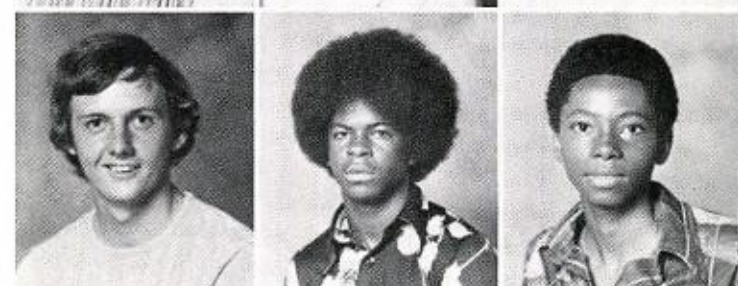
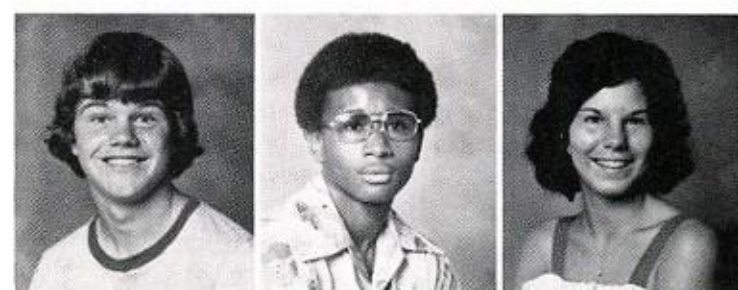
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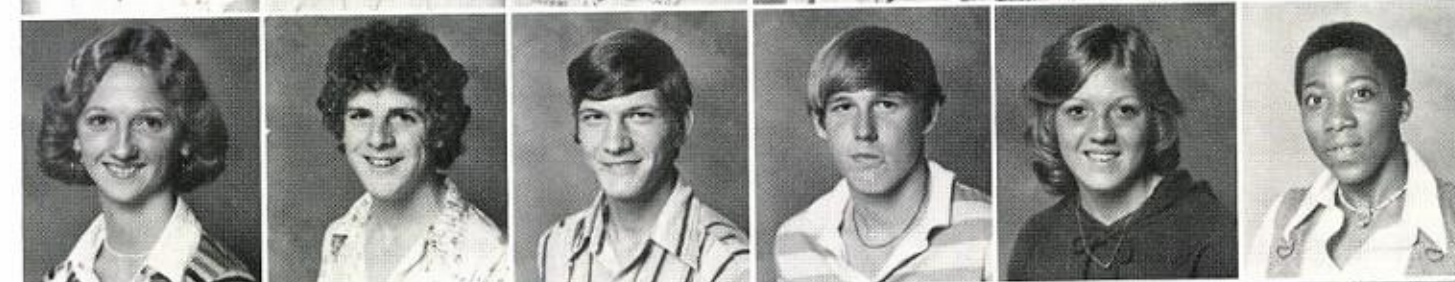
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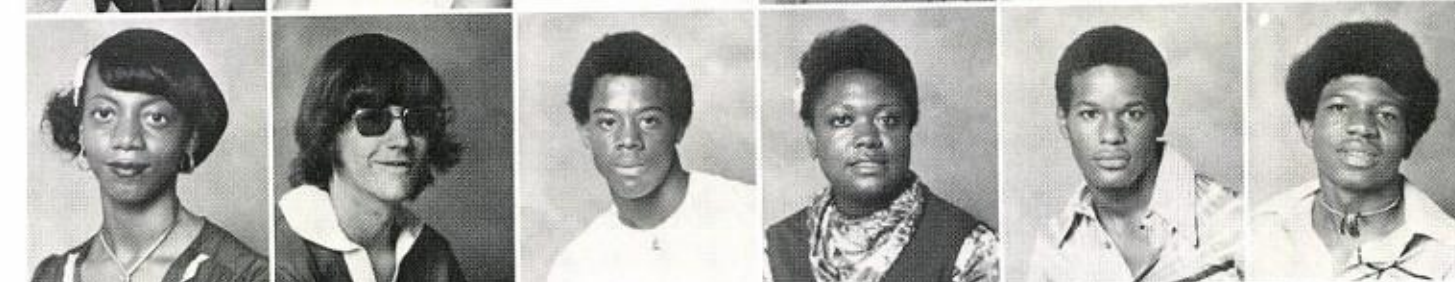
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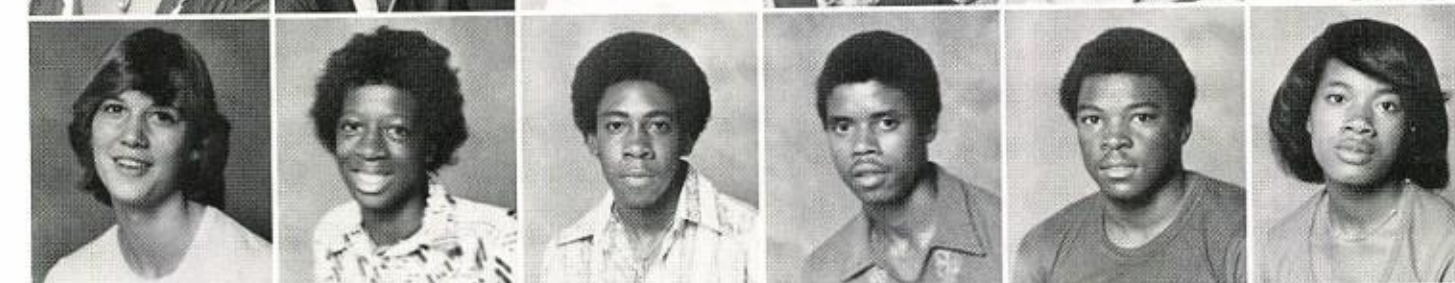
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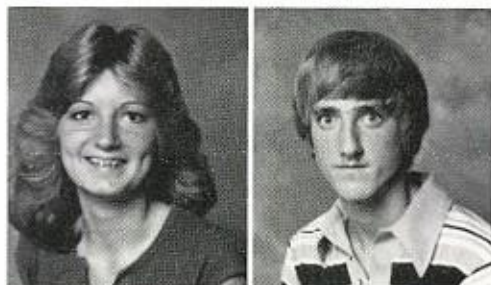


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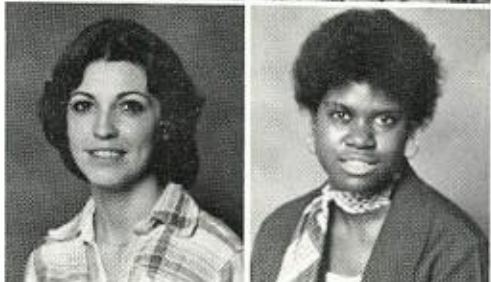
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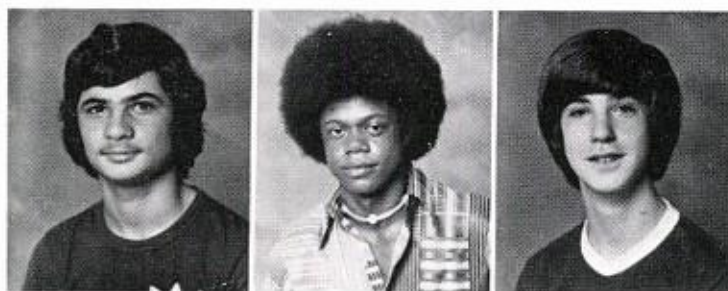
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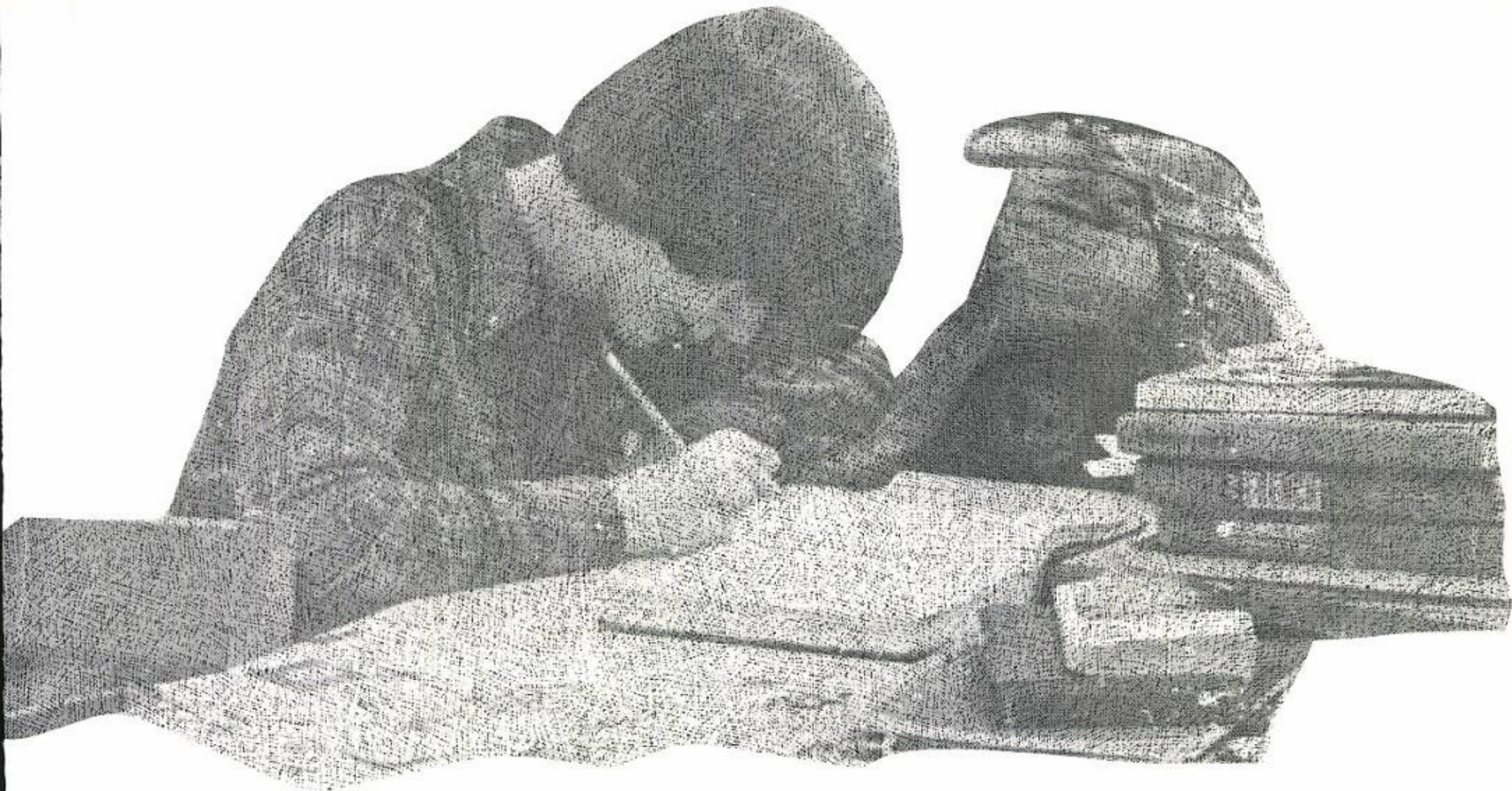


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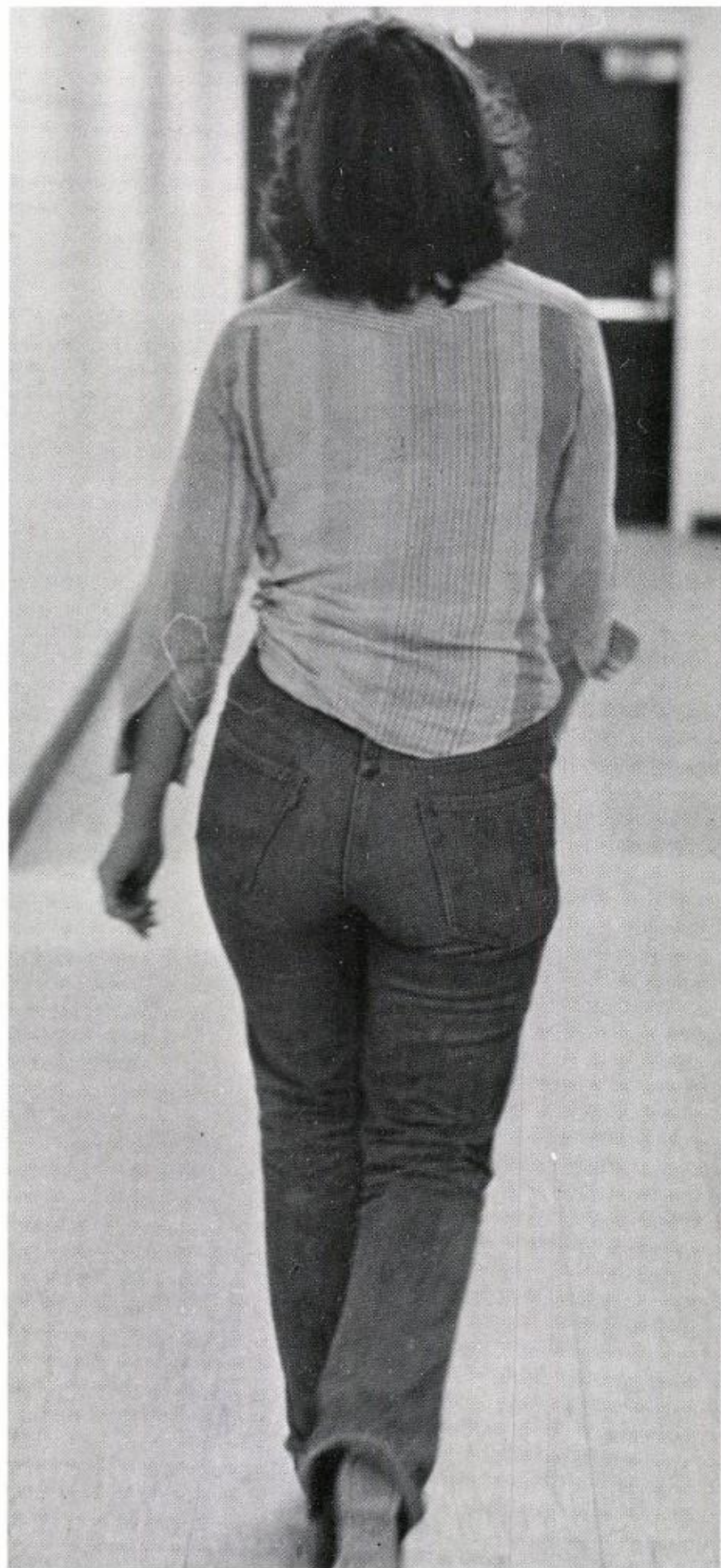
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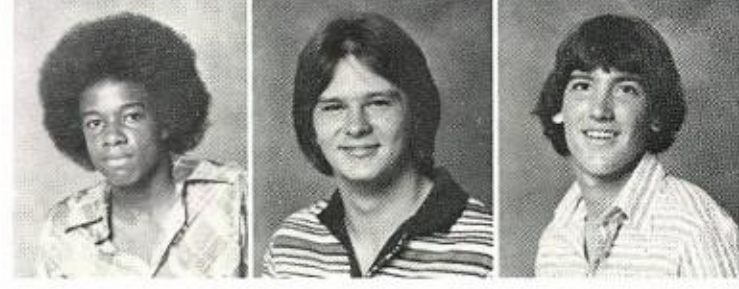
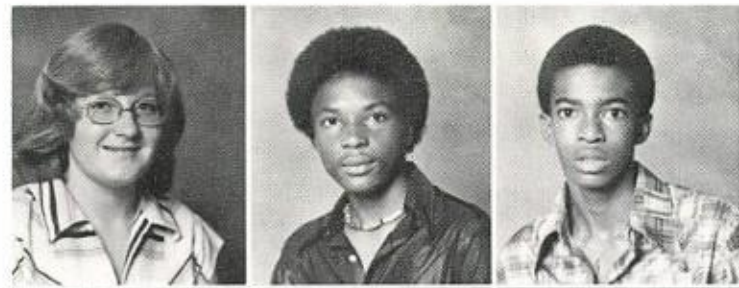
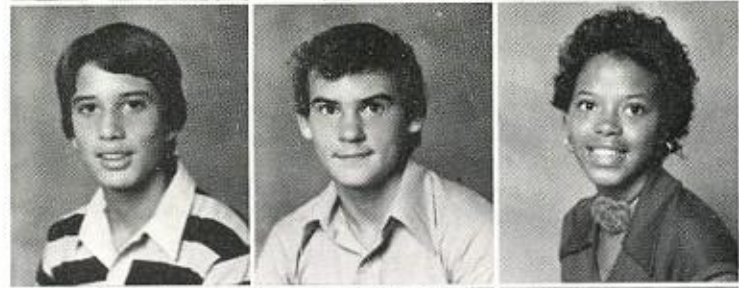
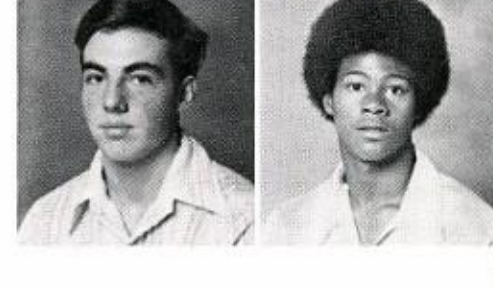
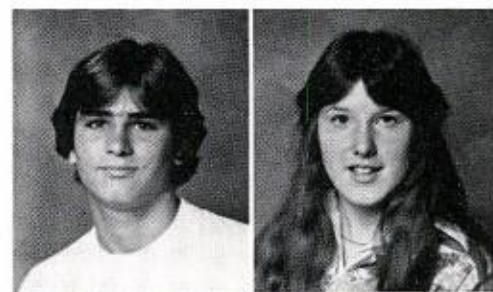
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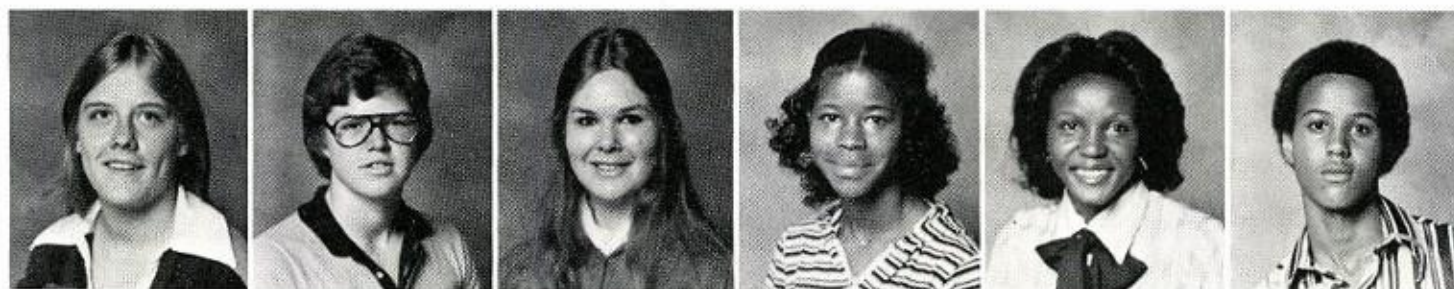
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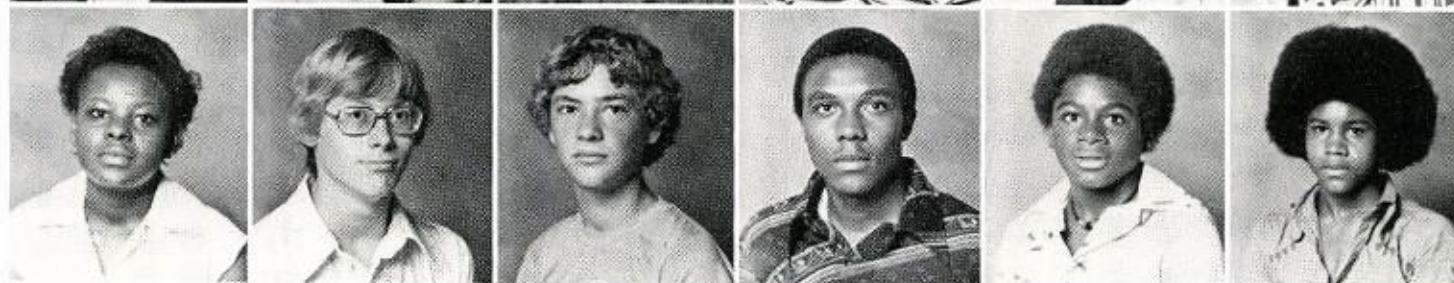
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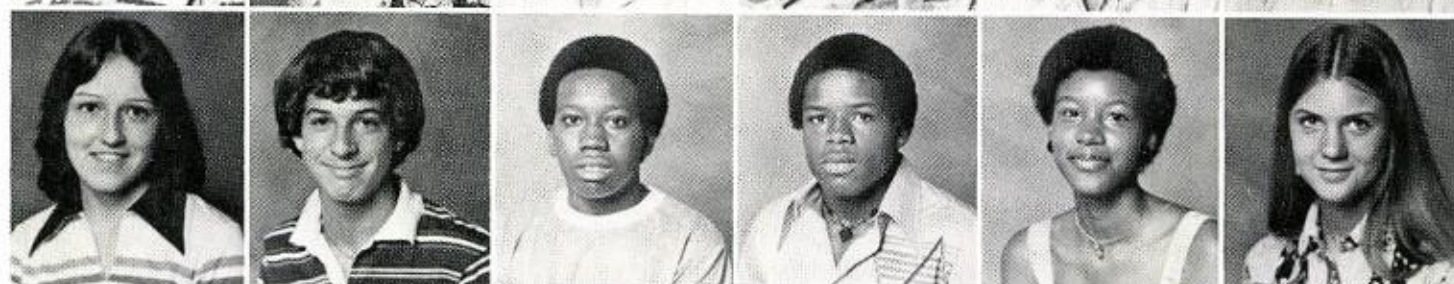
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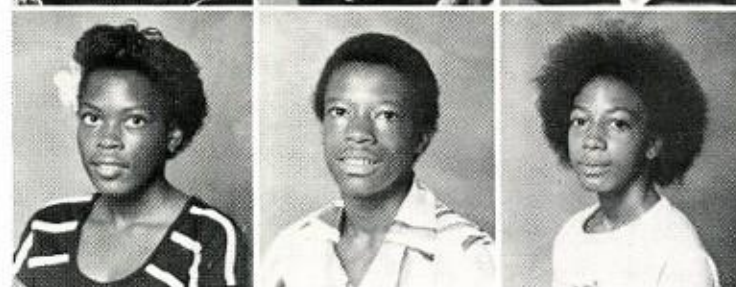
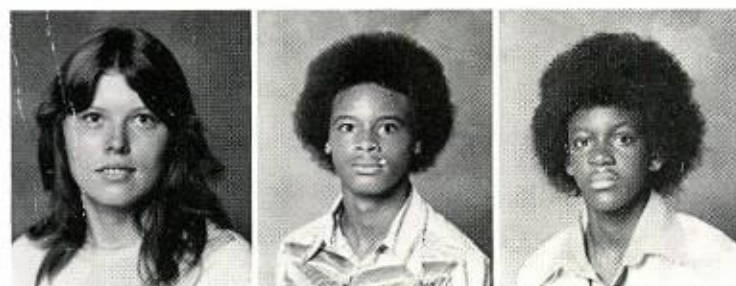


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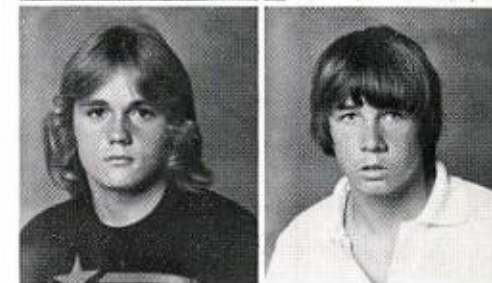
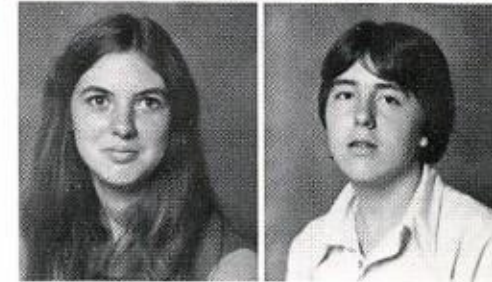
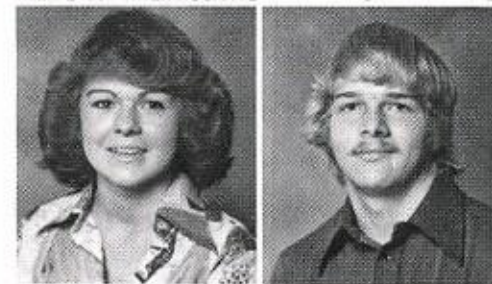




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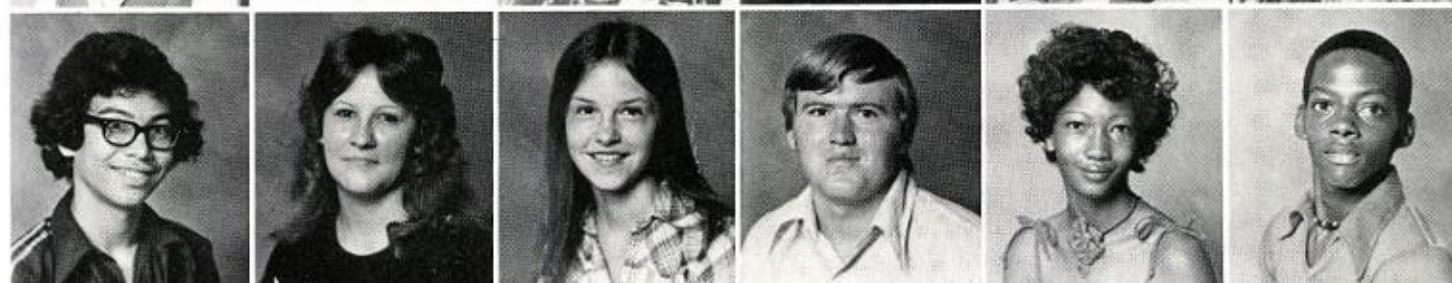
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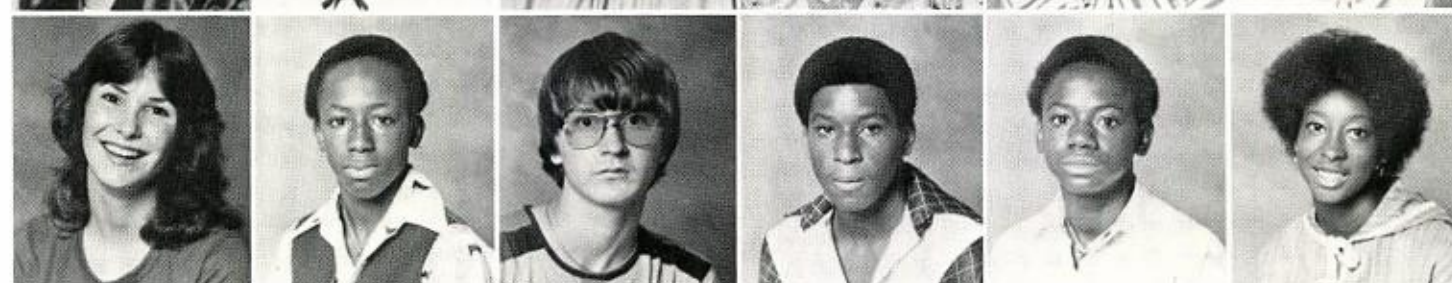
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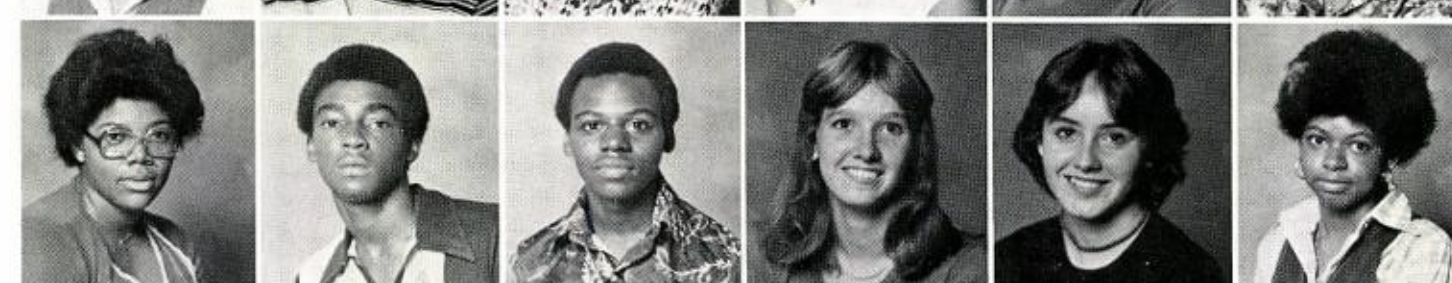
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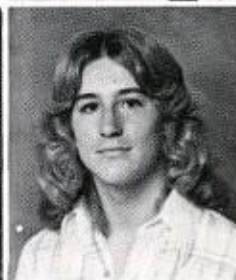
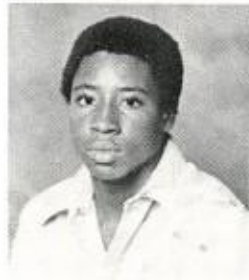
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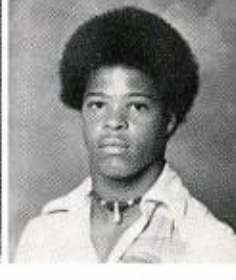
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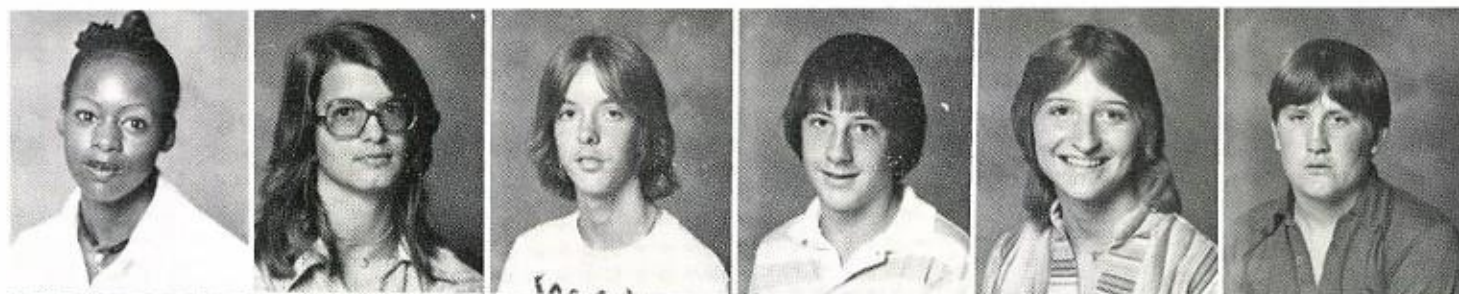
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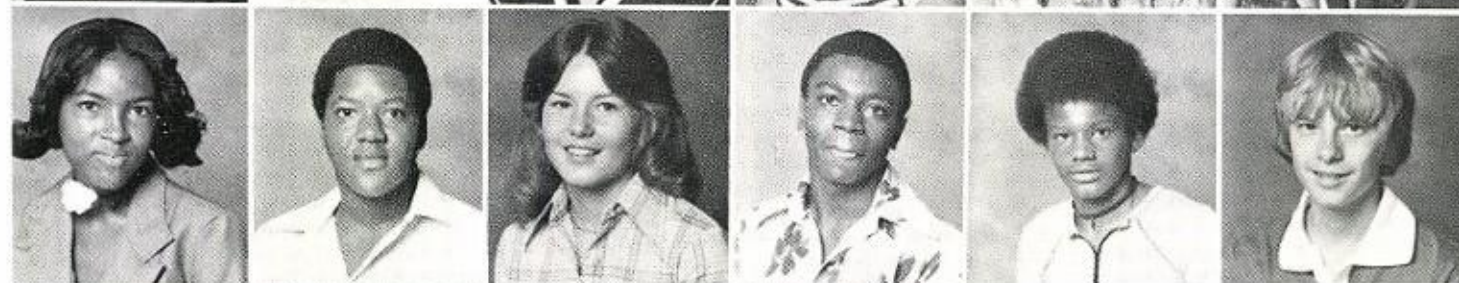
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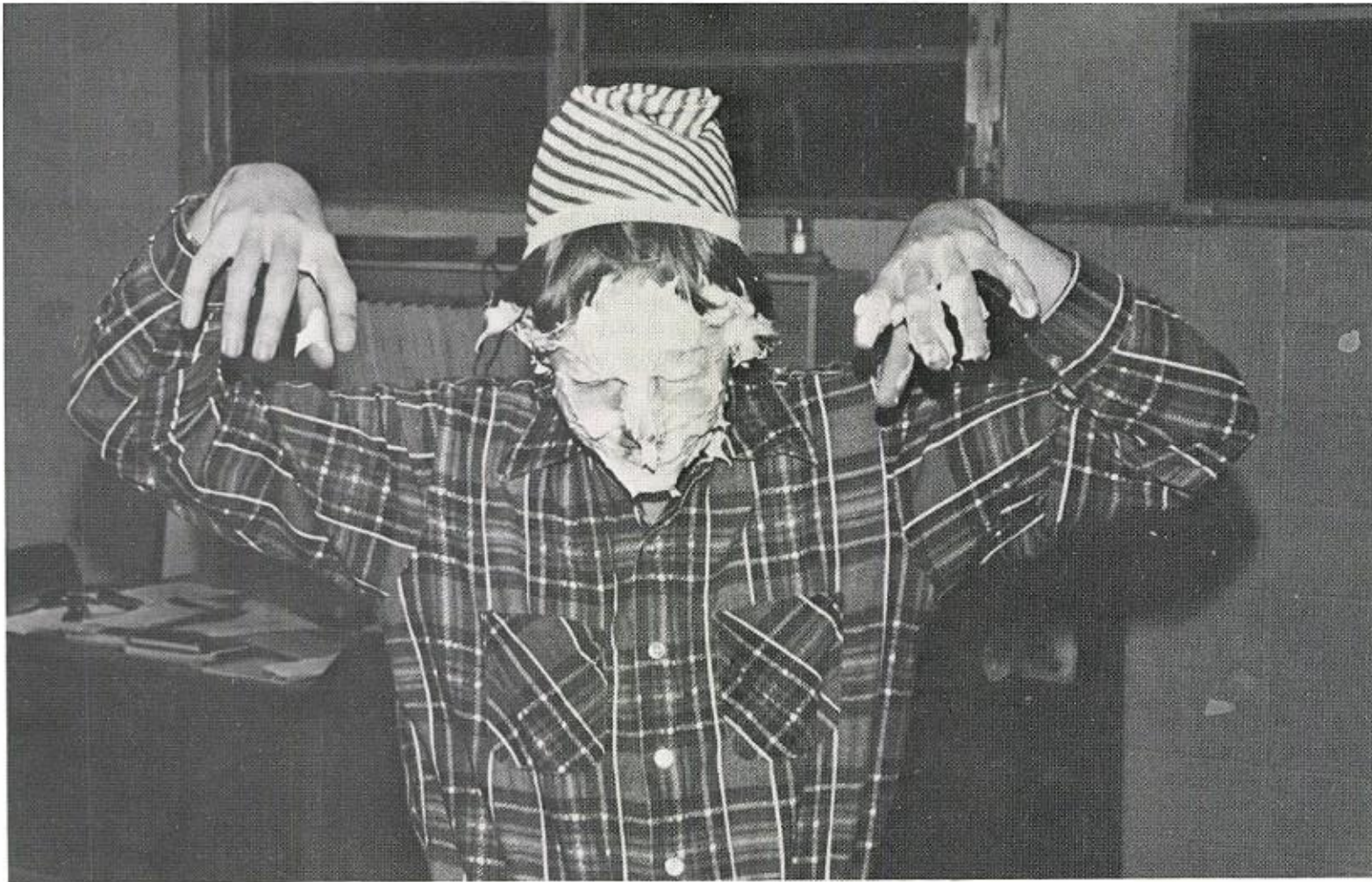
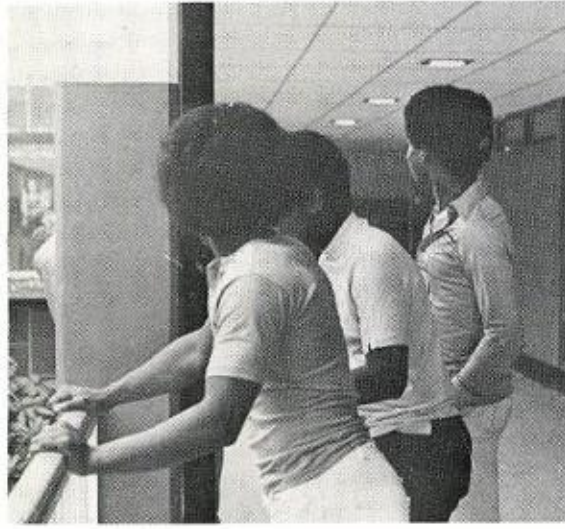
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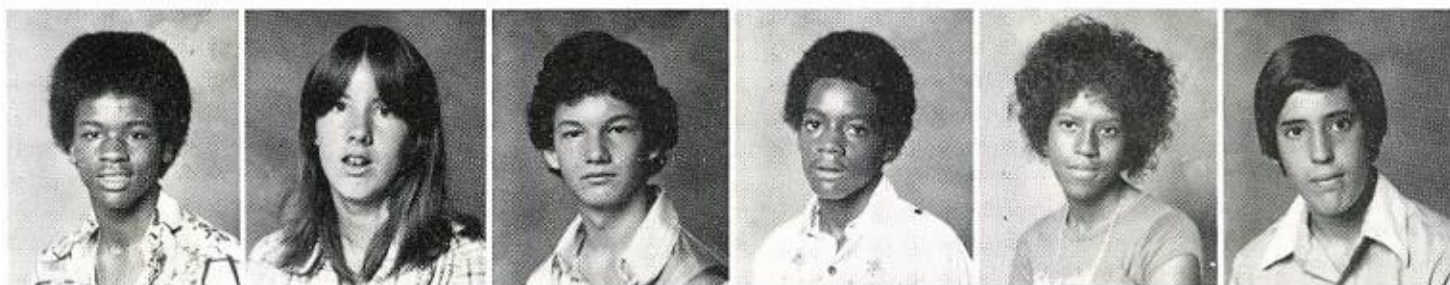




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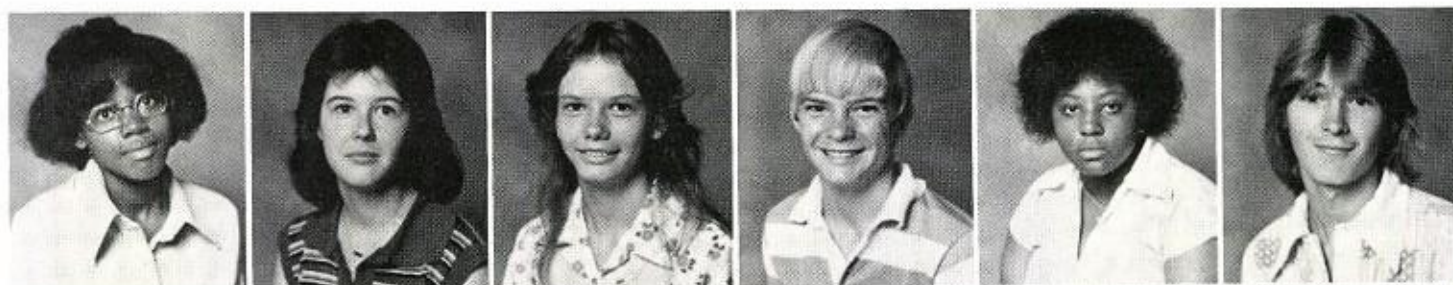
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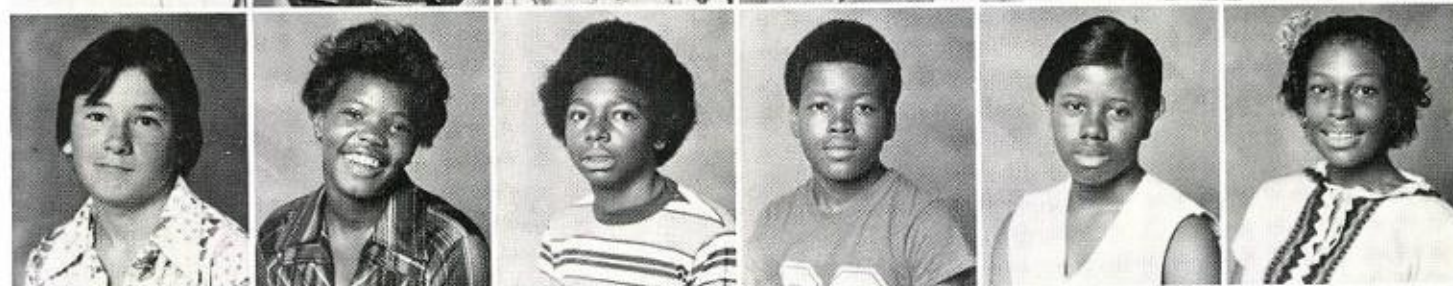
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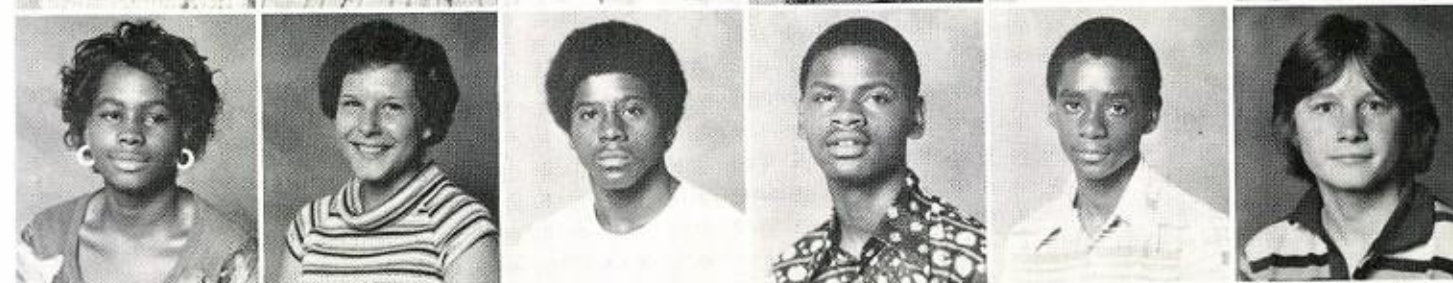
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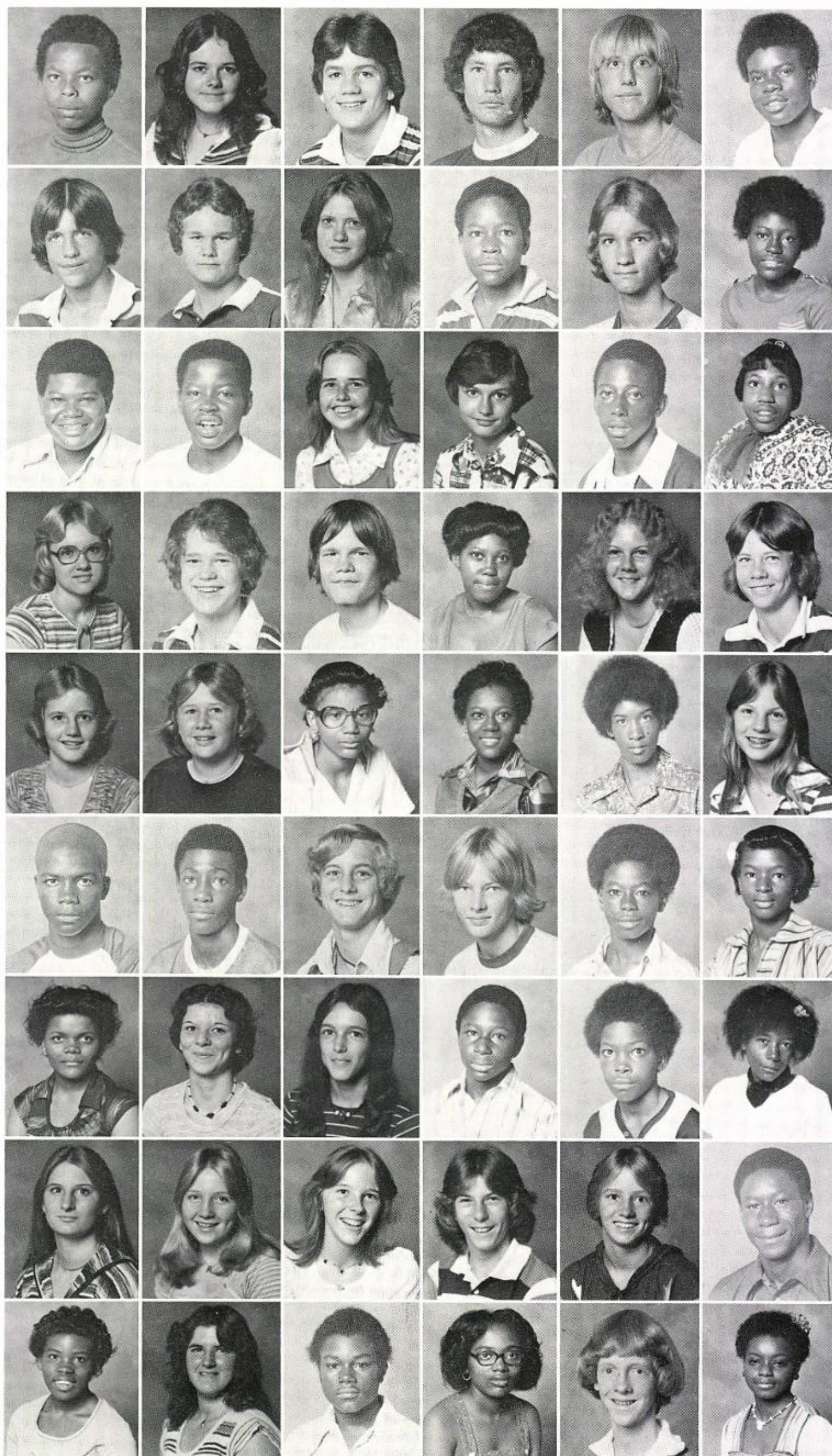


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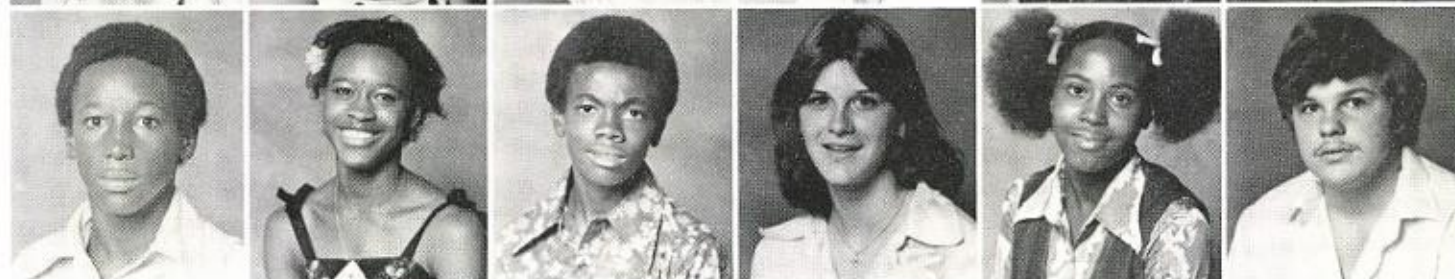
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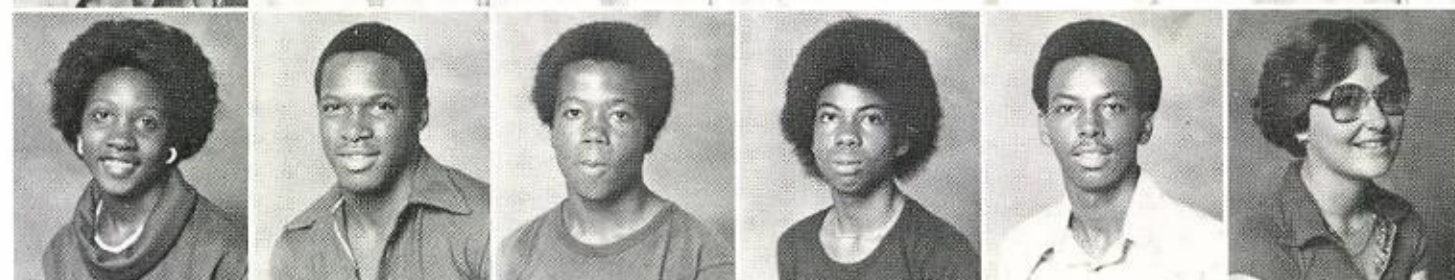
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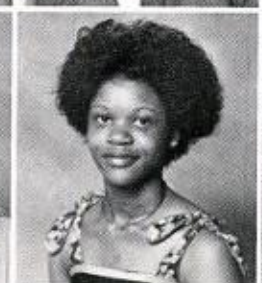
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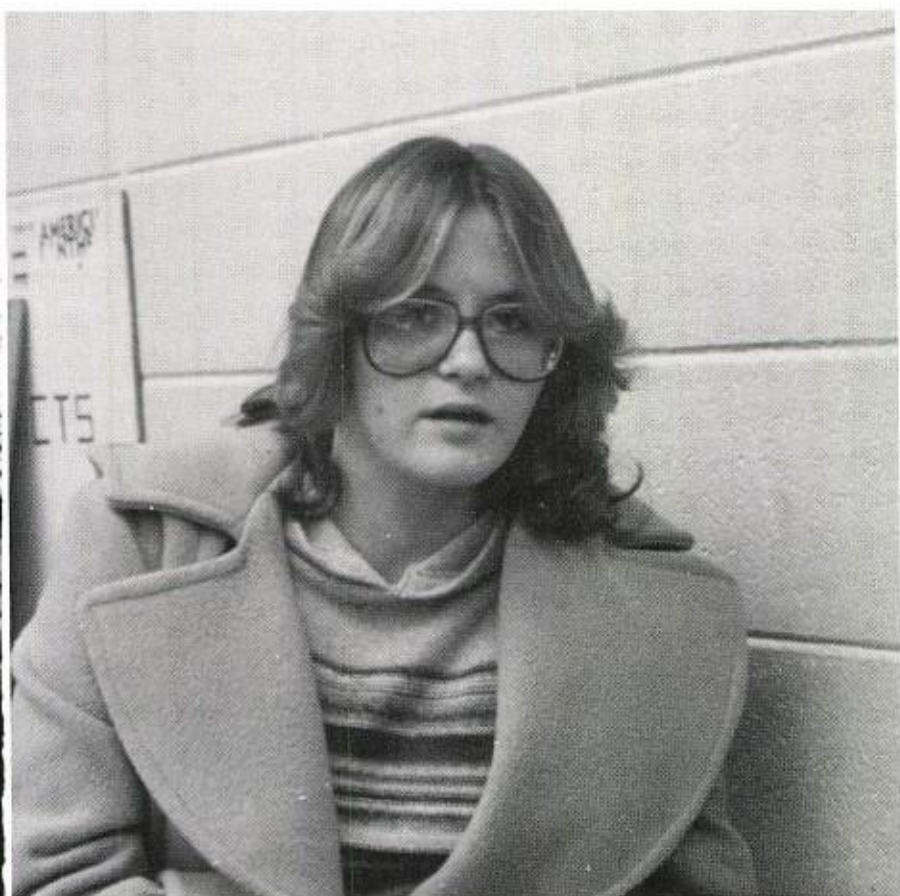


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Griffin Bell: A Homecoming

Of all the students who have passed through the AHS halls in its 104 years, Griffin Bell is the most outstanding to date. Griffin Bell is the Attorney-General of the United States of America; and as attorney general, he has many duties to perform. He is head of the Justice Department and the regulator and monitor of the Federal Prison System, the Migration and Naturalization Departments, and the Narcotics Bureau. He also investigates Federal Crimes and prosecutes violators of Federal law. Certainly, not the least of his duties is to represent the U.S. in court and give legal advice to the President.

He graduated from Americus High School in 1934. In that moment, I'm sure, no one (not even Griffin Bell, himself), could have guessed that a day in his honor would be proclaimed by the City of Americus. But that day, October 14, 1977, Americus High's official homecoming, was so proclaimed and Griffin Bell Day and Griffin Bell arrived. It was a most appropriate and timely day for his return to his city and to his high school.

In a special ceremony, preceding the football game, Frank Myers, III, SGA president, presented the Honorable Griffin Bell a Remington Shotgun, a gift from the student body, and a plaque to commemorate the event. Several members of the school board, Mayor Johnny Sheffield, County Commissioner Billy Ferguson, and school officials shared the platform with the honored guest and his family.

A very large spectator turn-out applauded the ceremony from the stadium stands. After the pre-game ceremony, Bell and his family joined the spectators for the exciting Panther football game and special half-time activities.

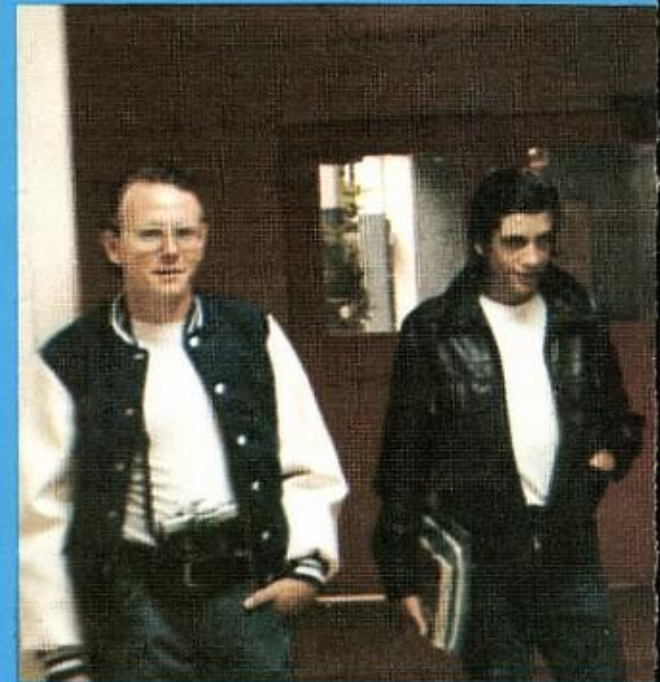
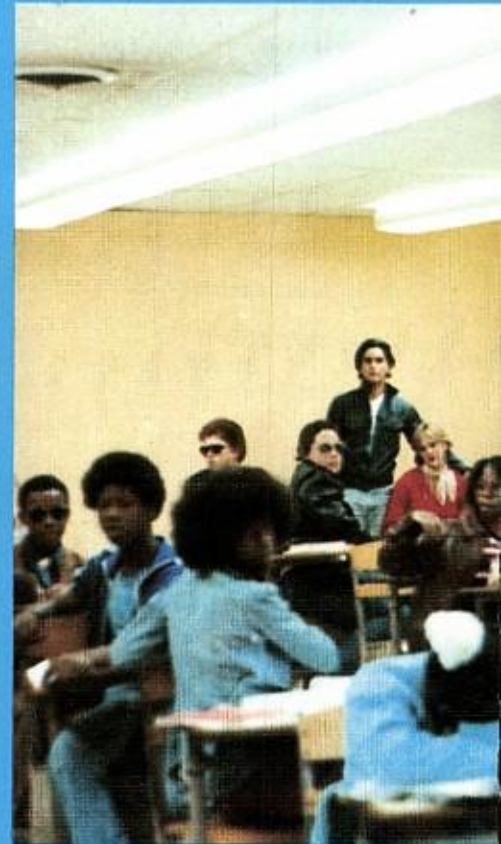
It has been a long road that Griffin Bell has traveled to arrive where he is today—at the top! I, for one, am proud that he graduated from our school, Americus High School, and that this year on October 14, 1977, this special man came home to his town, to his school, for his day.



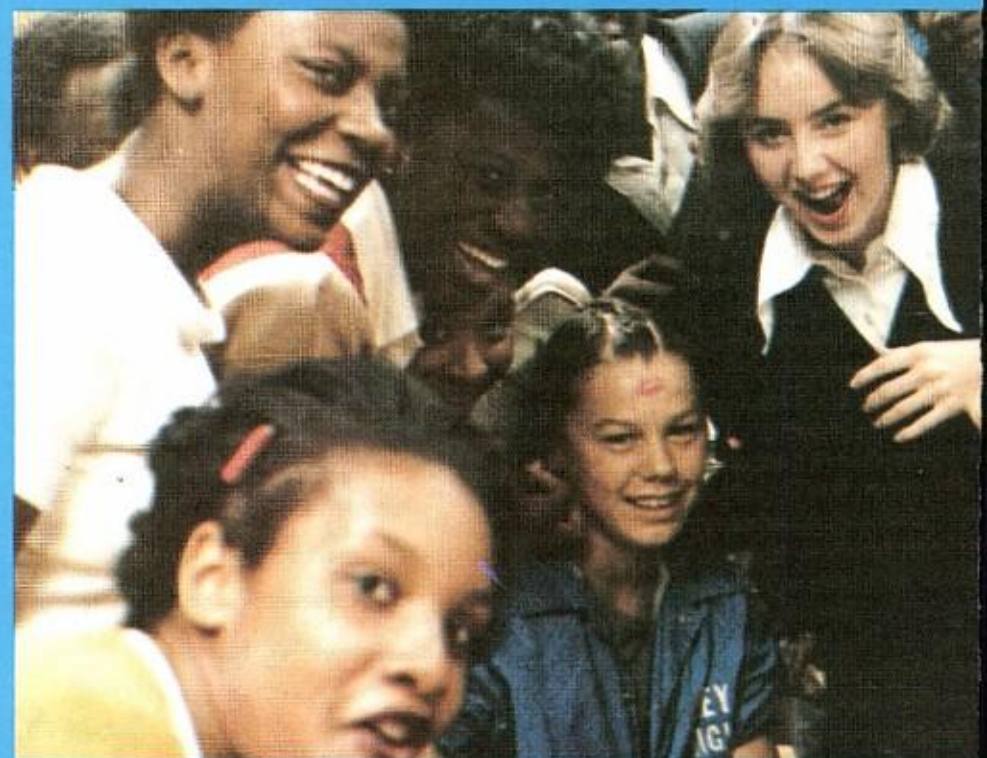
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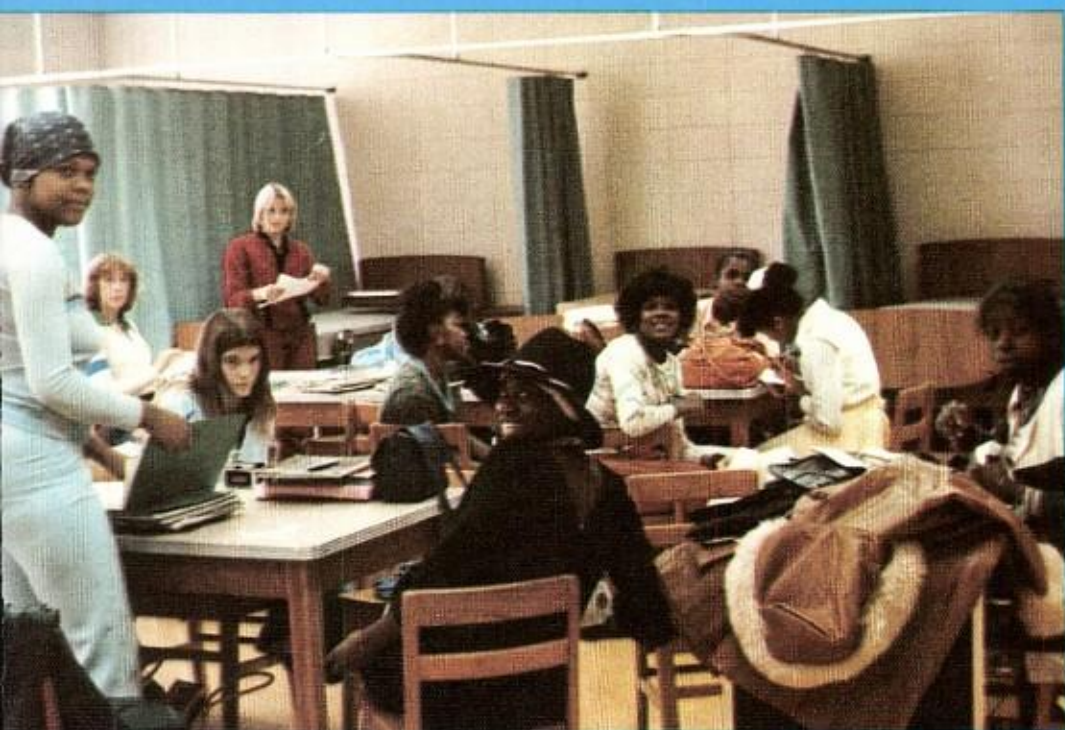
THE WEEK BEFORE HOMECOMING

The Week before Homecoming Day is always one of excitement at AHS. It begins with the announcement on Monday morning by Mr. Fussell that no one will be allowed to leave school to work on a float. The day continues. Seniors begin to check out of school, move to their cars and flow in a steady stream towards the "secret place" where the float makings are hidden.

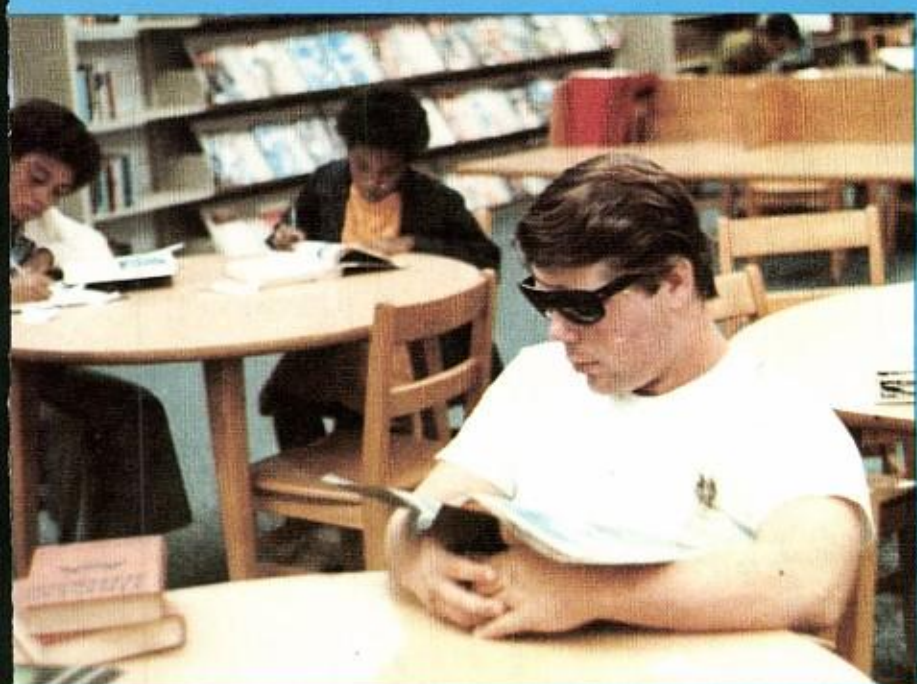


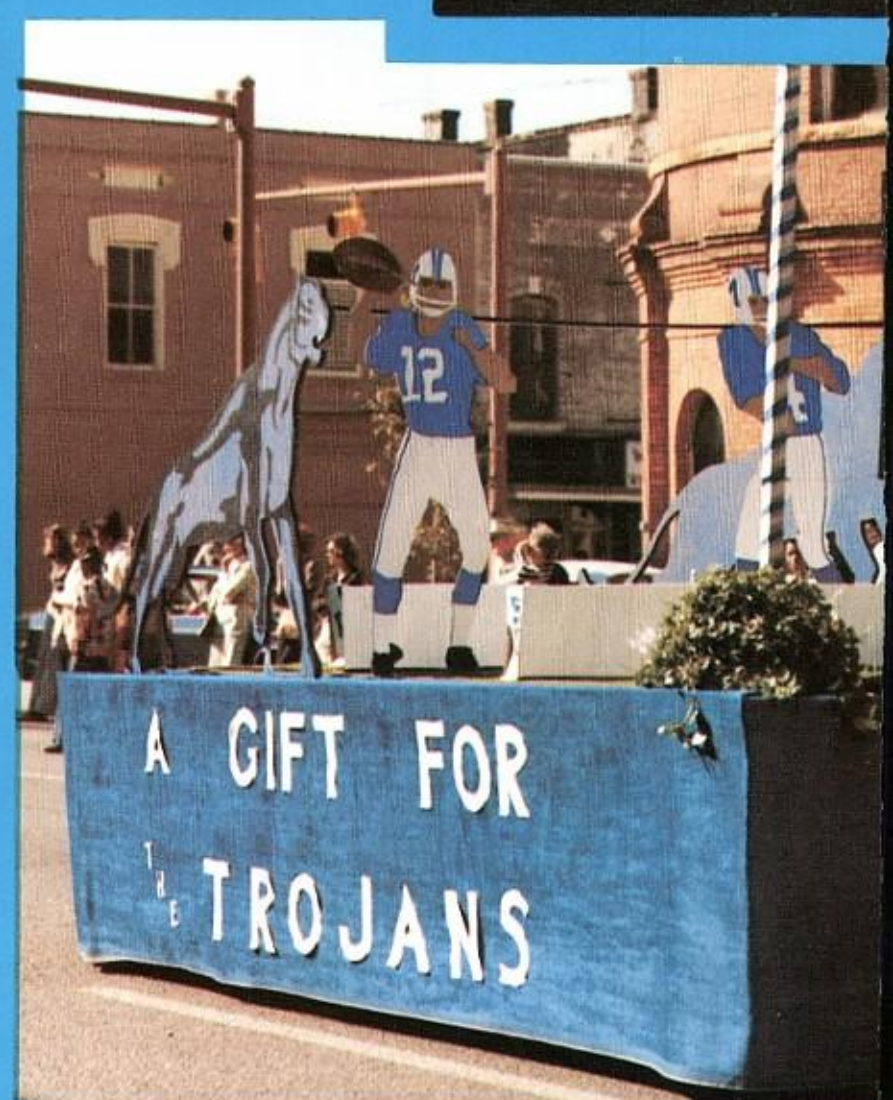
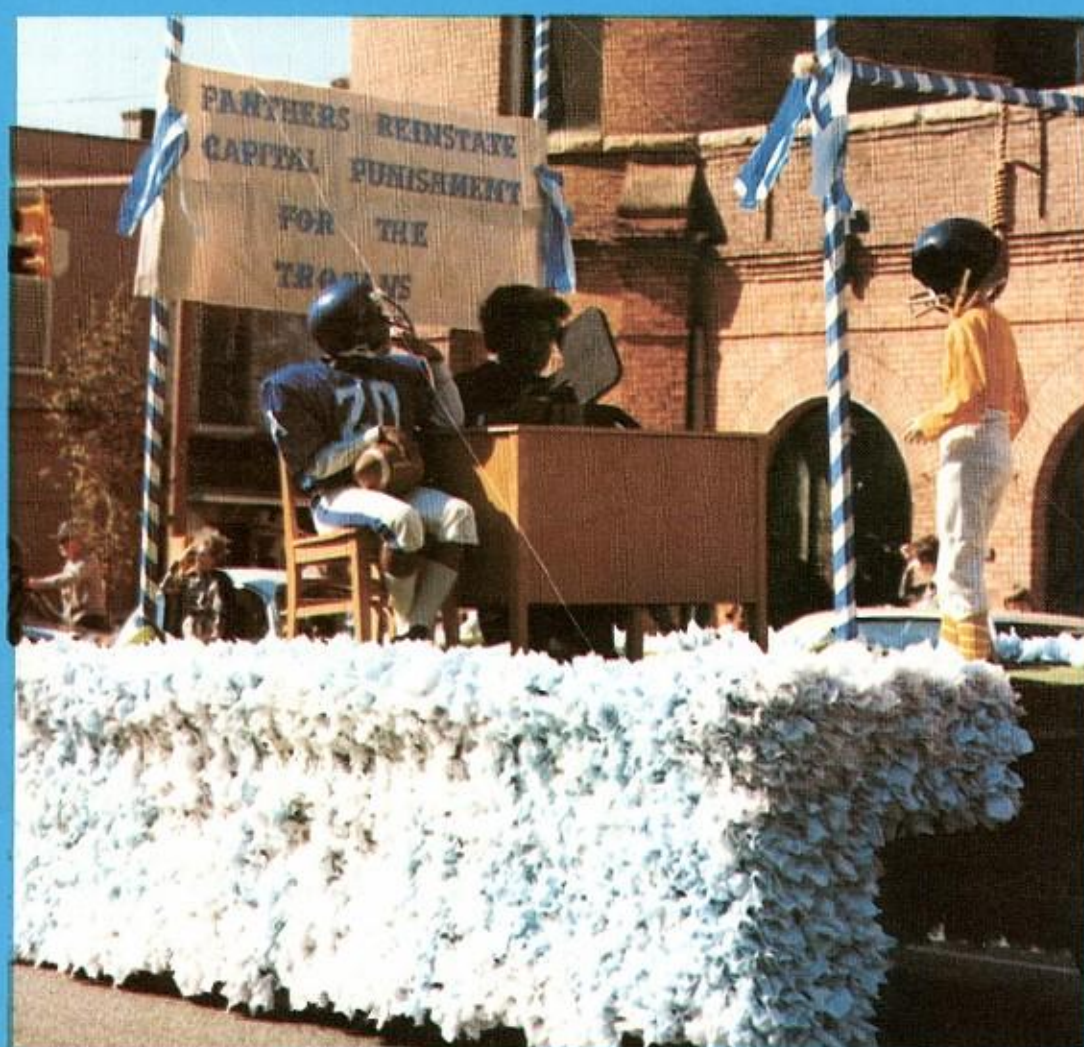
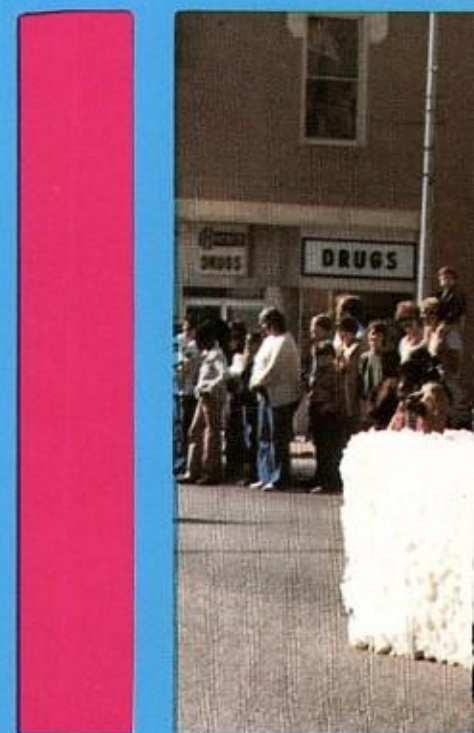
LARRY MacQUINTER wishes better luck to the juniors next year on their float.





The days that follow become more and more hectic as juniors, sophomores, and even freshmen begin to wander away from school. Students forget their work and, in turn, teachers become nervous wrecks. The student body is full of spirit and everyone shows this in his own special way. Some dress in black to mourn the death of the opposing school team, some wear kiddie clothes as they regress to childhood and still others return to the happy days of the '50's to show that spirit is the same today yesterday, and tomorrow.

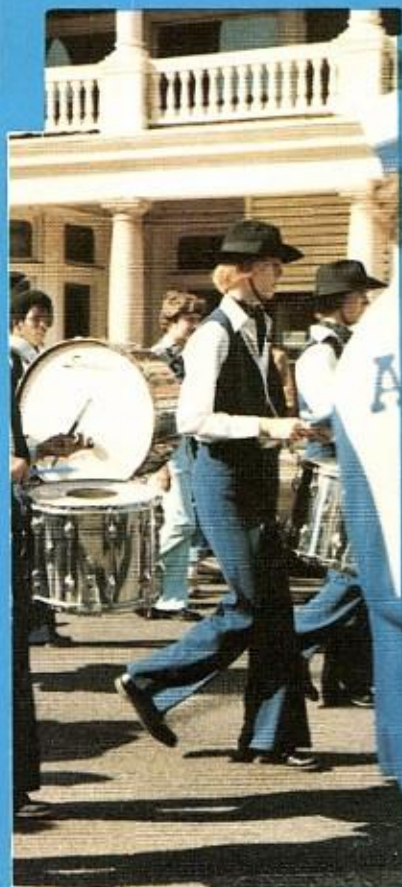


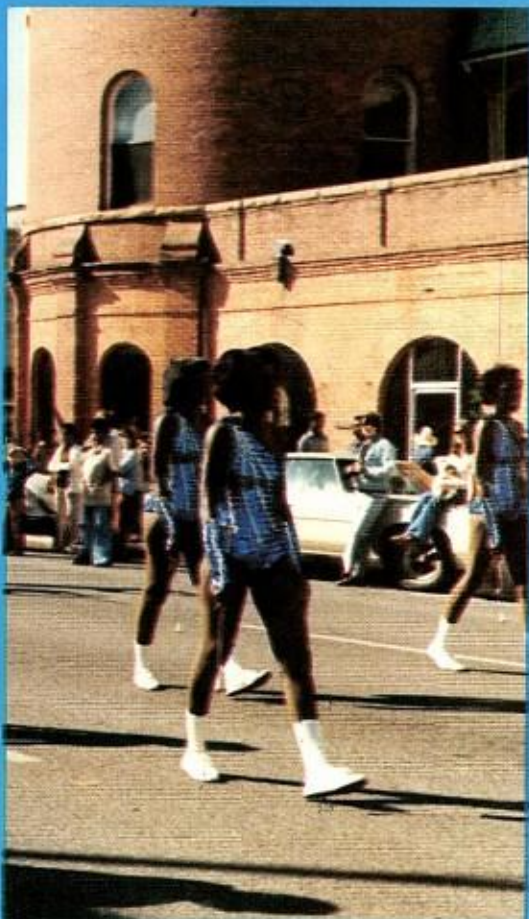
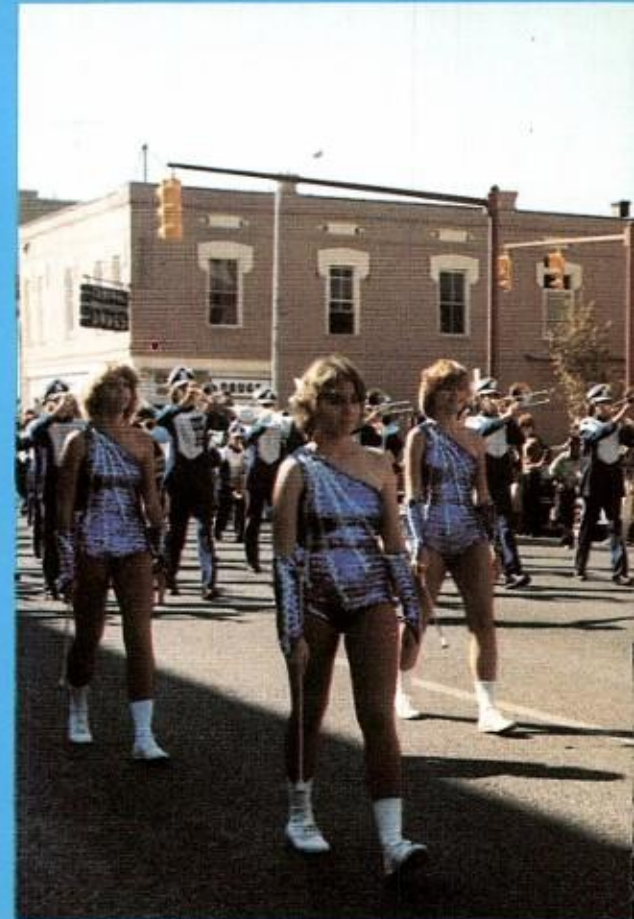




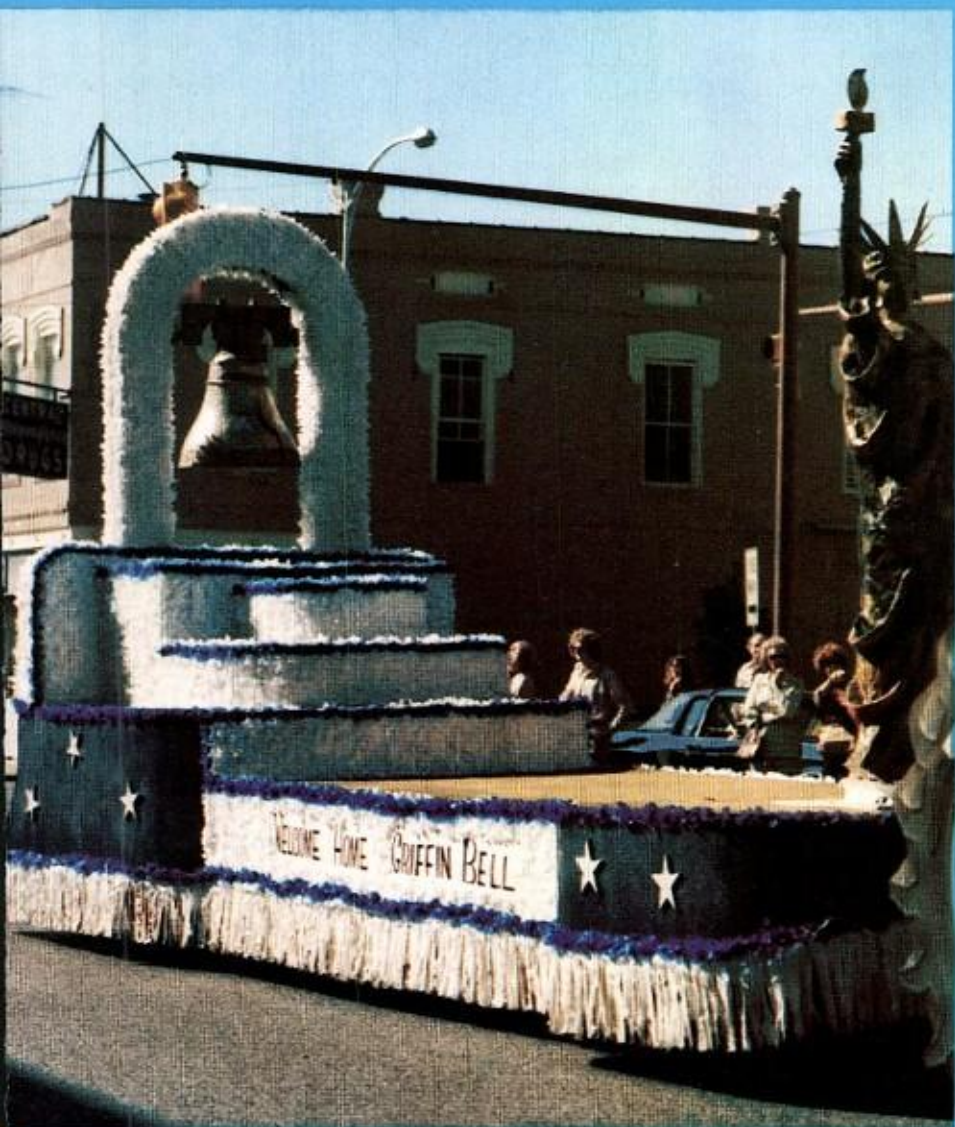
The week continues and the floats begin to take shape, or at least they are supposed to (witness the 1977 sophomore float). Candidates for class representatives and Homecoming Queen begin to practice their entrances and exits to the field and still Mr. Fussell says no one can leave school to work on homecoming activities.

When, and if, Friday finally comes, everyone is in high spirits and excited about the upcoming game. Feelings run wild (so do the students), and Americus High School is ready for the festivities of another Homecoming.

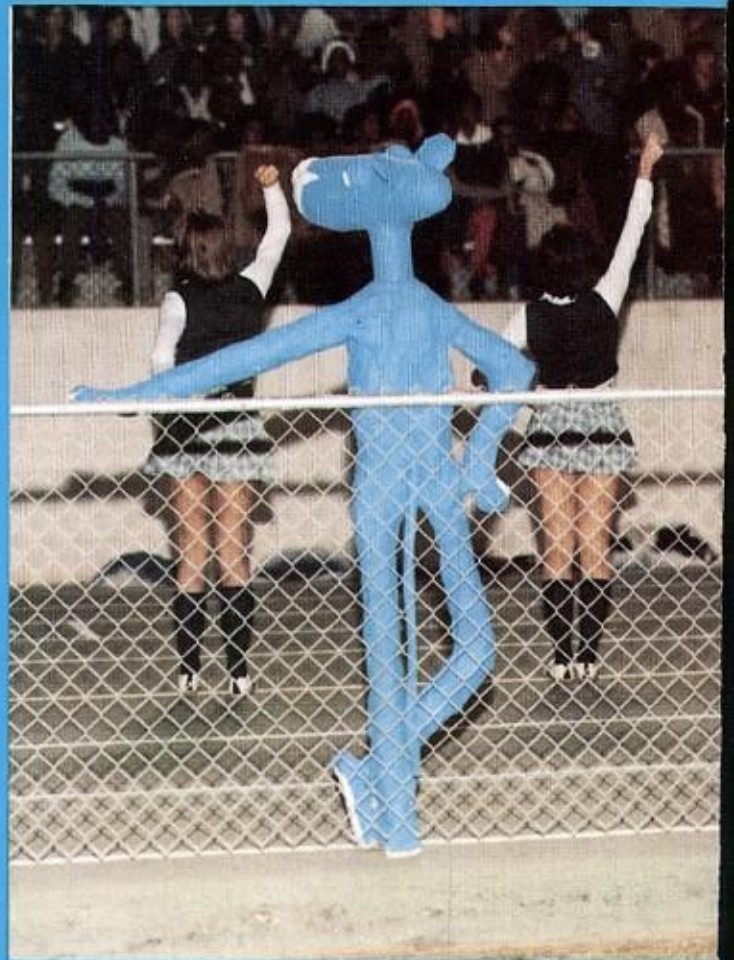




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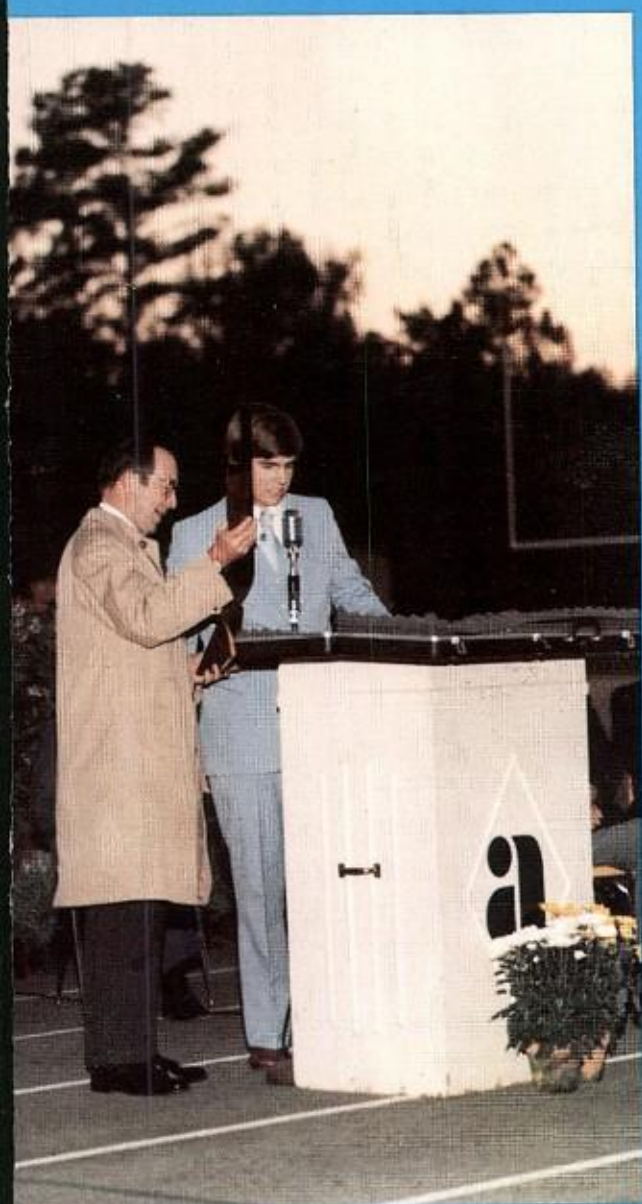
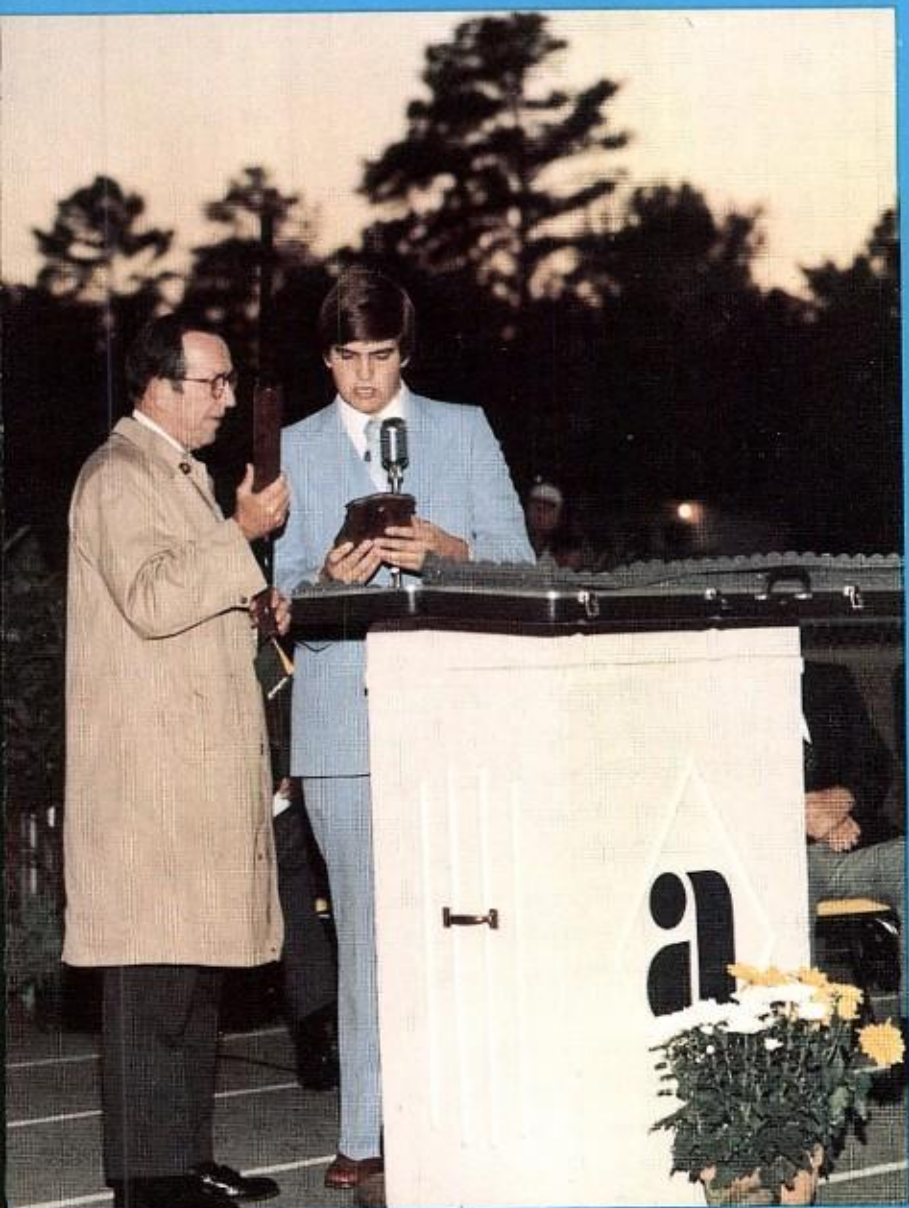


RICHIE CULP: "The sophomore float brought tears to my eyes."



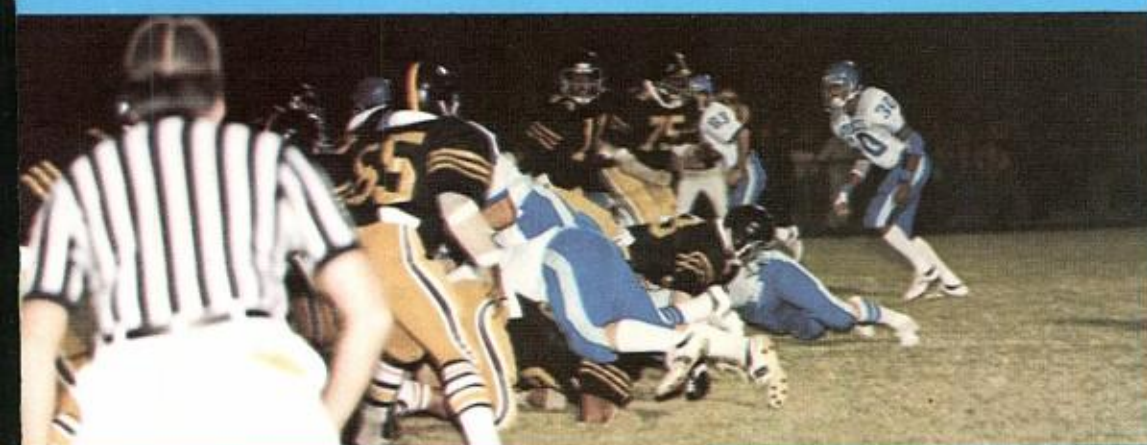
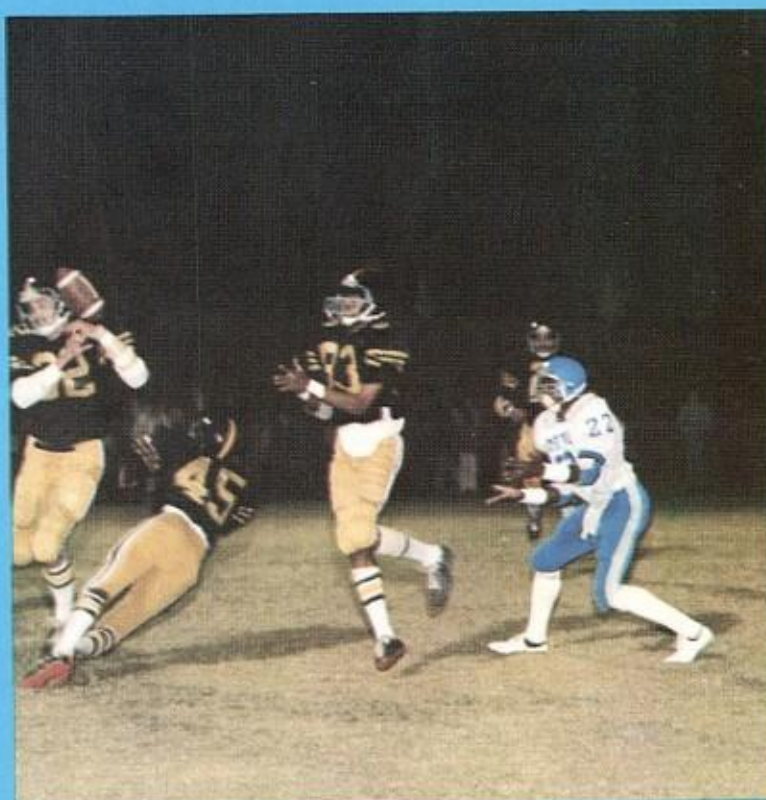
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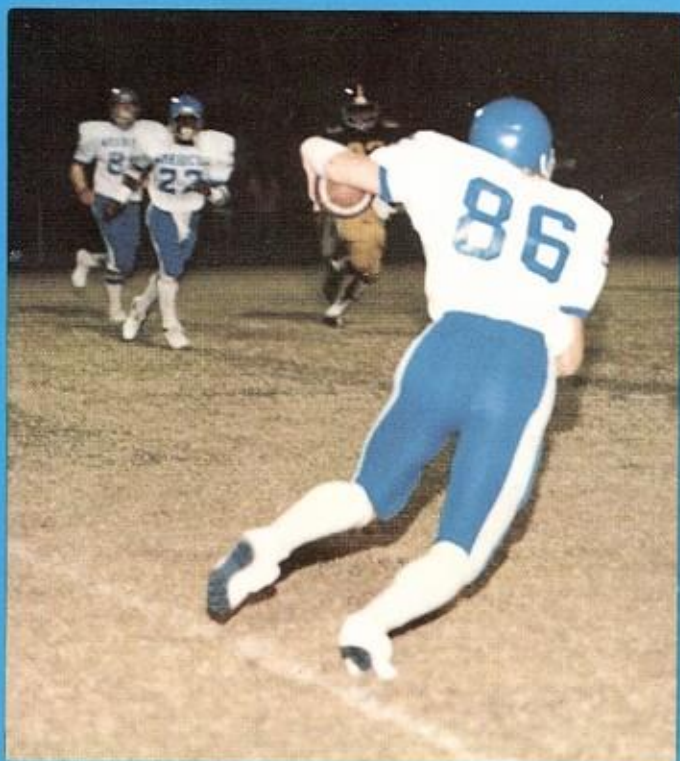
Griffin Bell





ANGIE MURR: "I enjoyed Homecoming, but I was upset when we started to lose. I knew that we could and would come back and win though."





HUGH BOWEN: "Winning the game and the good weather made this year's homecoming better than last year's. It's too bad we didn't have a band for the dance."



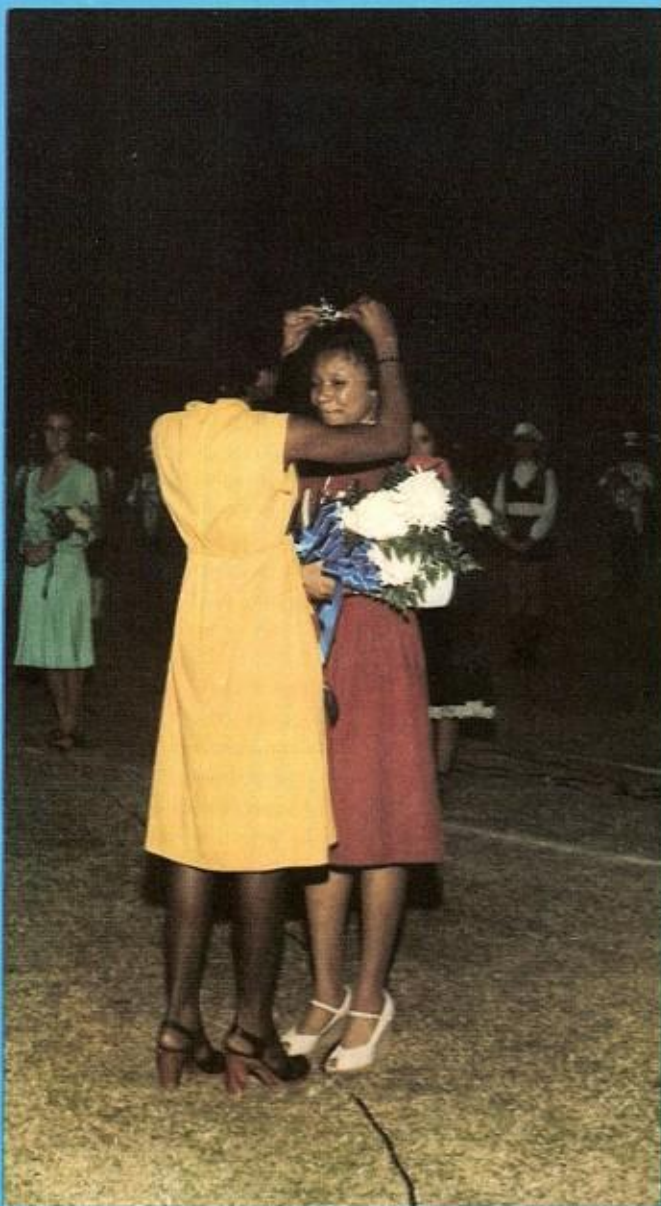


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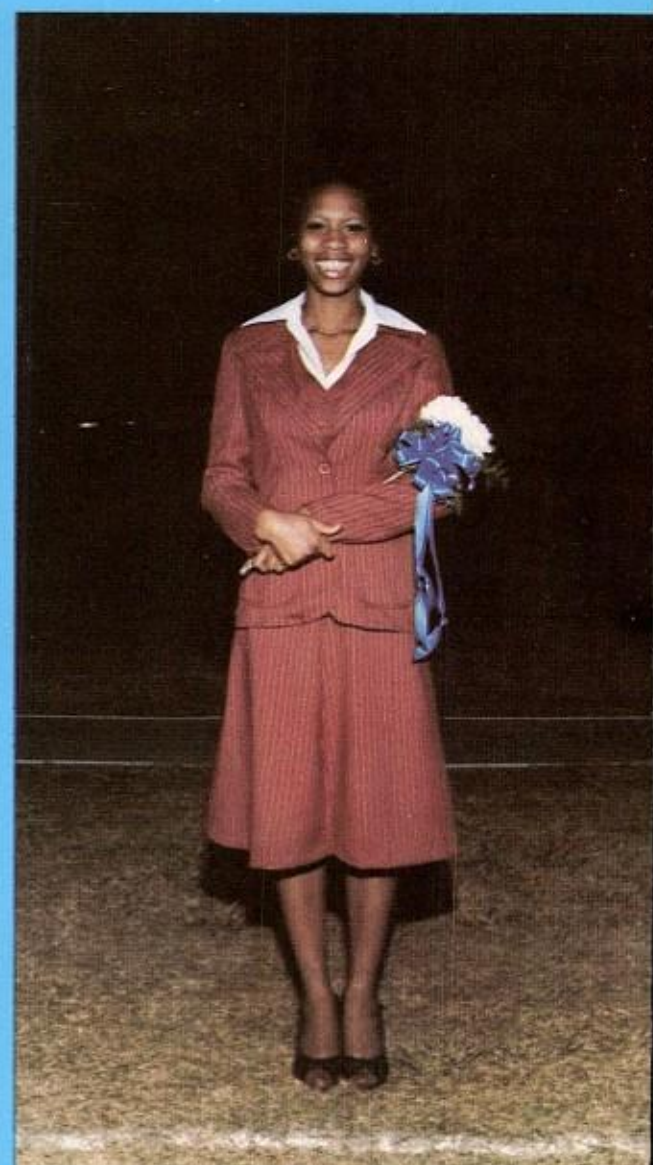
QUEEN-----Phyllis Combs

COURT-----Senior Representative-Kim Corcoran
Junior Representative-Shelia Calloway
Sophomore Representative-Pat Thomas
Freshman Representative-Deanna MacQuirter



NOMINEE FINALISTS FOR QUEEN
Phyllis Combs, Gayle Greene Tina
Hernandez, Vickie Harris

MISS PANTHER
Katherine Anderson



NOMINEE FINALISTS FOR COURT

Seniors--Kim Corcoran, Michelle Mathis
Freshmen--Deanna MacQuirter, Lisa Black

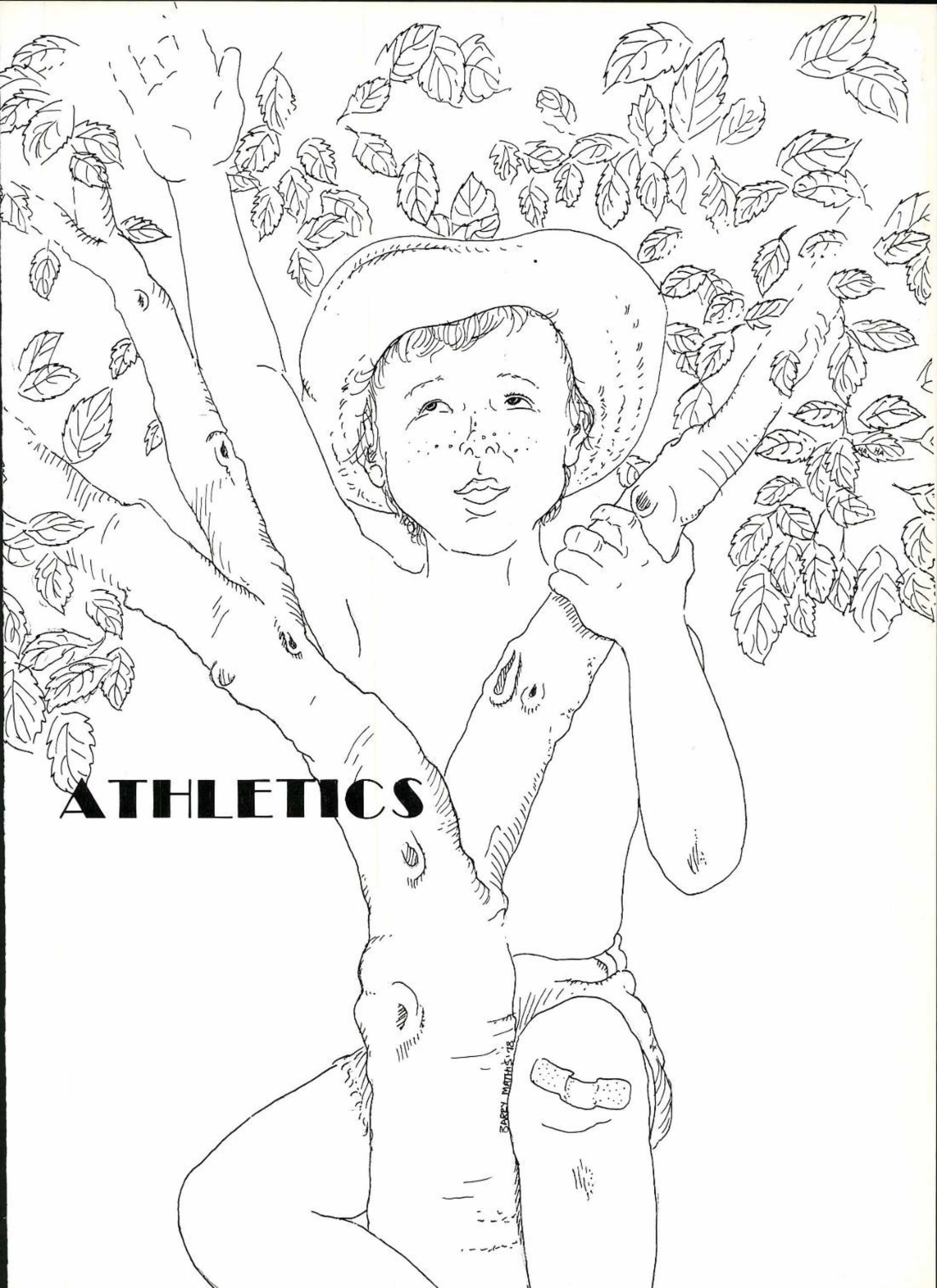


Juniors--Kelly Mathis, Shelia Calloway
Sophomores--Angie Murr, Pat Thomas



WALTER GIBSON: "Homecoming wouldn't have been homecoming if we hadn't won the game."

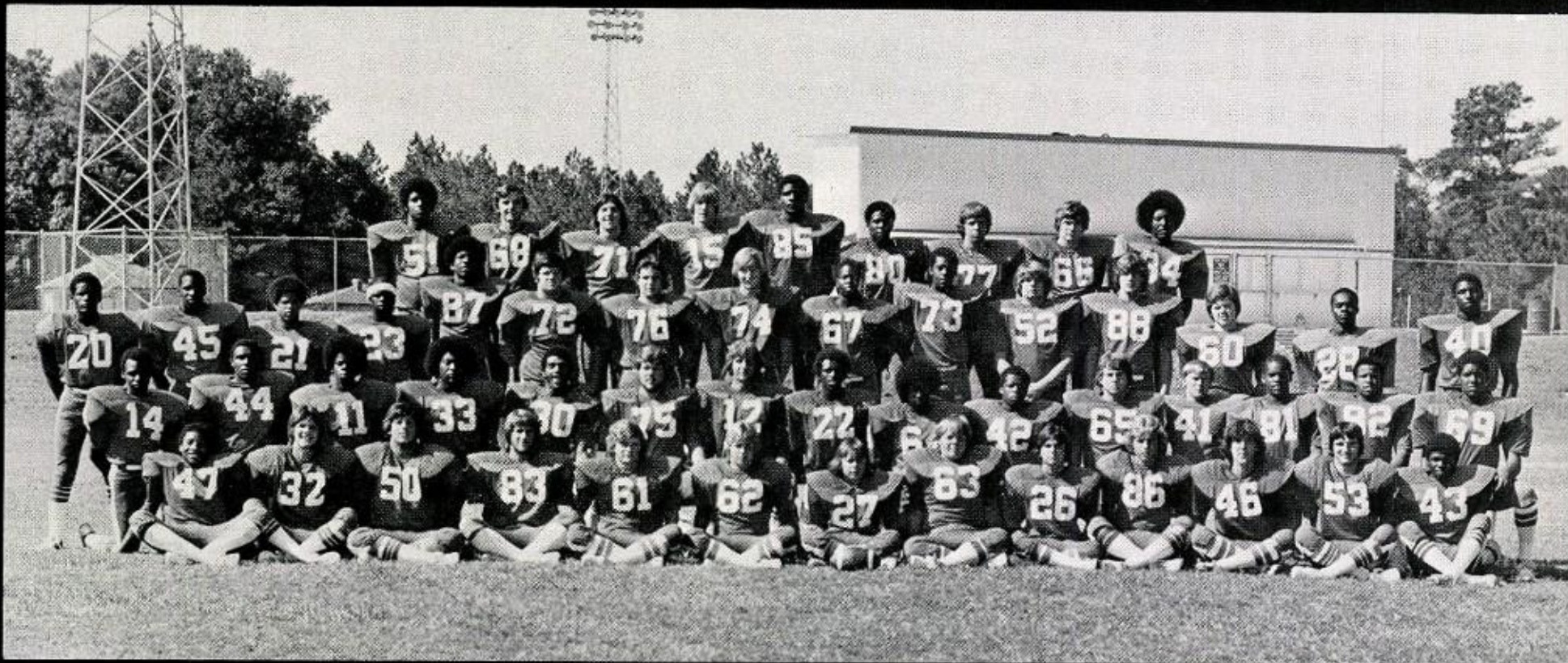




ATHLETICS

BARRY MATHS '18

1977 AMERICUS PANTHERS





Coaches:
Alton Shell, Doug Parrish
Clyde McGrady, Jeff Vantone

Managers:
Greg Fowler
Johnny Evans
Paul Lipsey

Aug.	26*	Irwin County	30-6
Sept.	2*	Manchester	33-0
Sept.	16	Perry	19-6
Sept.	23	Auburn, Ala.	33-6
Sept.	30*	West Laurens	33-0
Oct.	7	Dublin	34-0
Oct.	14*	Peach County	27-17
Oct.	21	Kendrick	27-28
Oct.	28*	Jones County	19-0
Nov.	11	Dodge County	20-14
Nov.	18*	Peach County	26-3
Nov.	25*	Waycross	7-12



Few schools can continually boast of an annual winning record in the game of football.

For the past 5 years under the able leadership of Coach Alton Shell and his assistant coaches, the spectator fans have had exciting Friday nights.

The 1976-77 season was certainly no exception as we had a winning Region year.

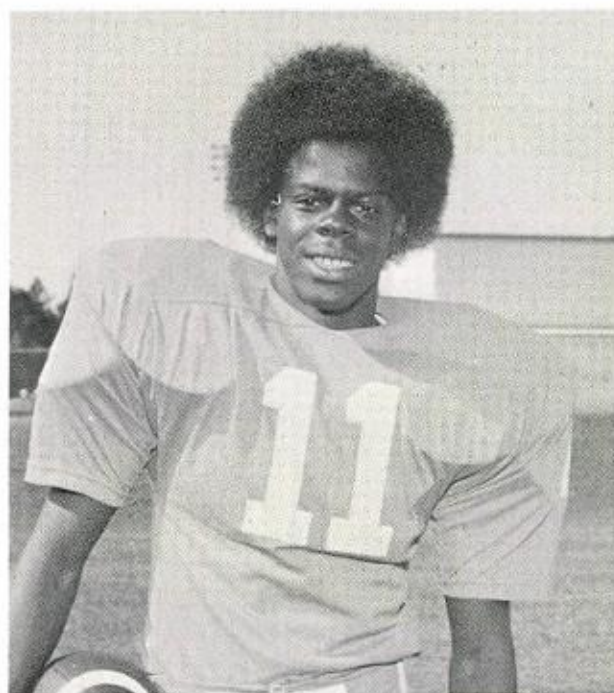
Each year prior to the first game, we sit and talk—and drink coffee and wonder.

Until we see the opening game, all of our thoughts are mere speculation.

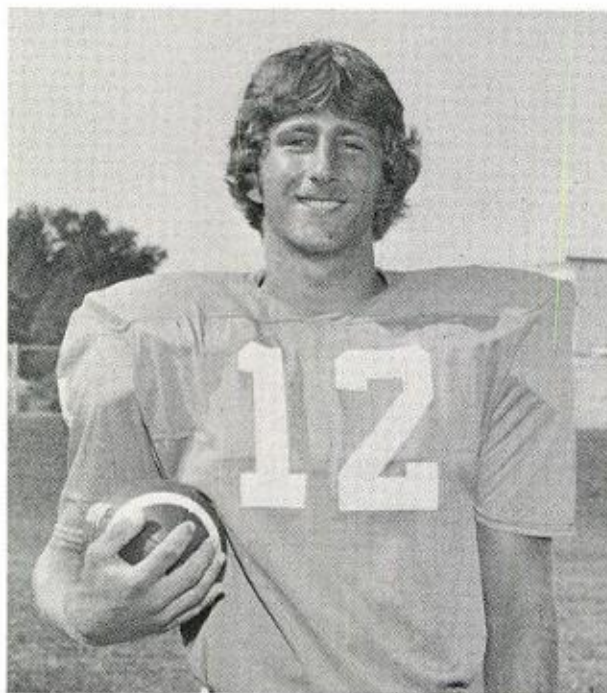
Fortunately most of the good thoughts materialize.

Though we don't win state every year, we maintain a nucleus of greatness which prevails from season to season.

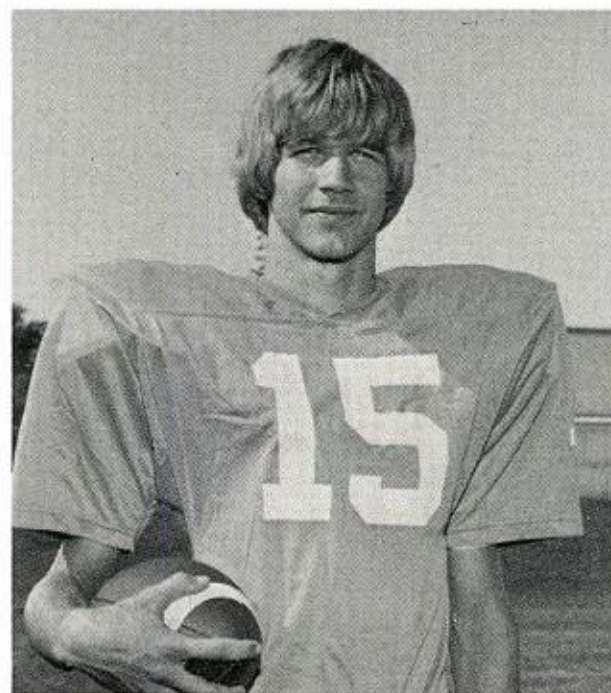
We look to the future with expectations for more of the same.



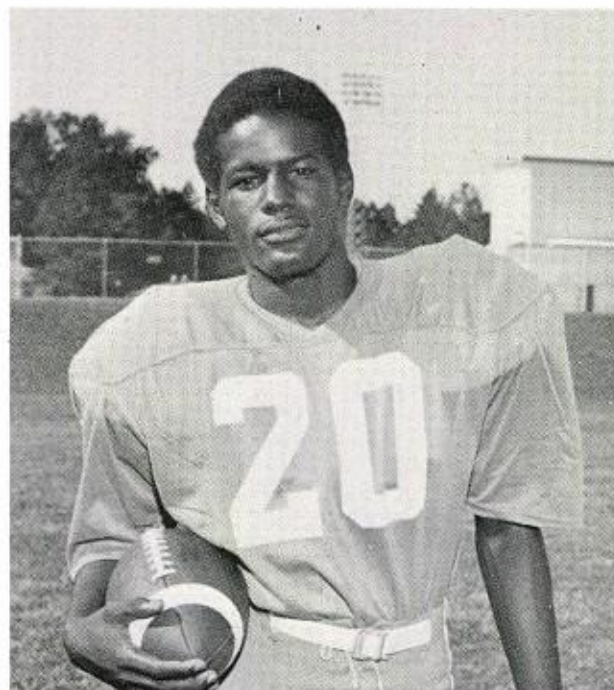
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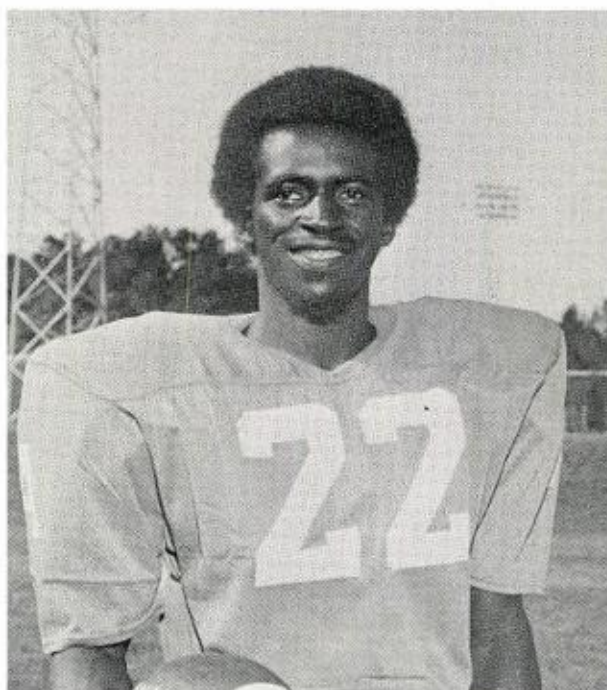
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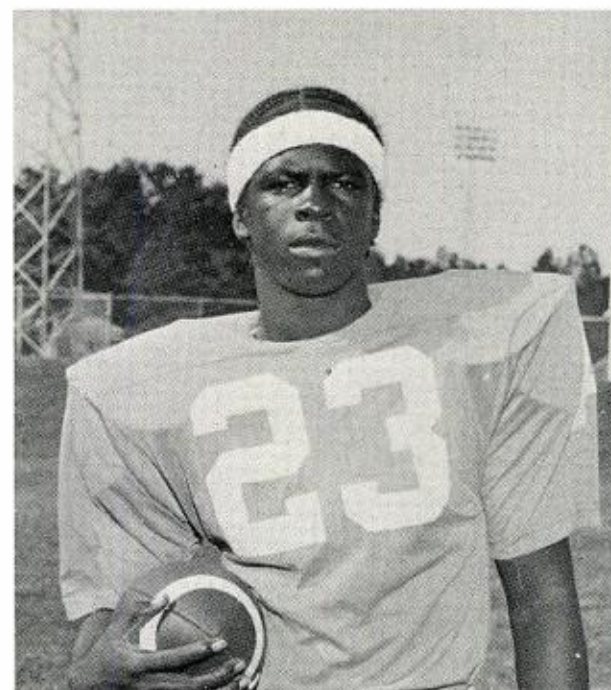
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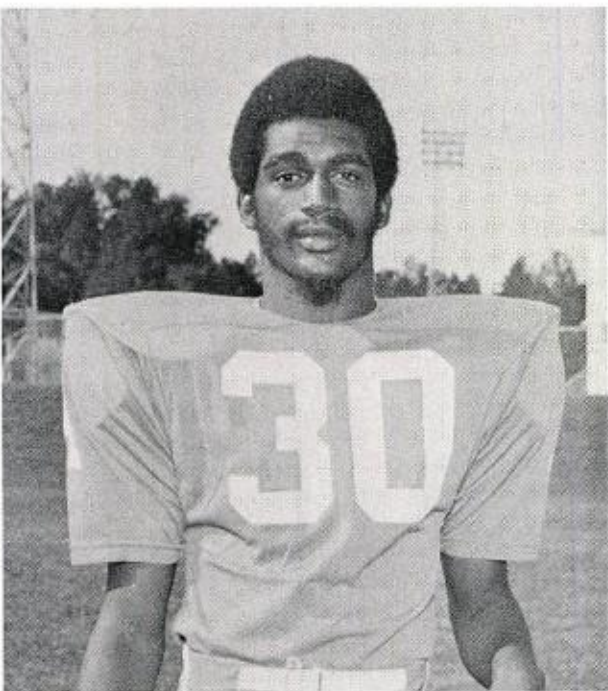
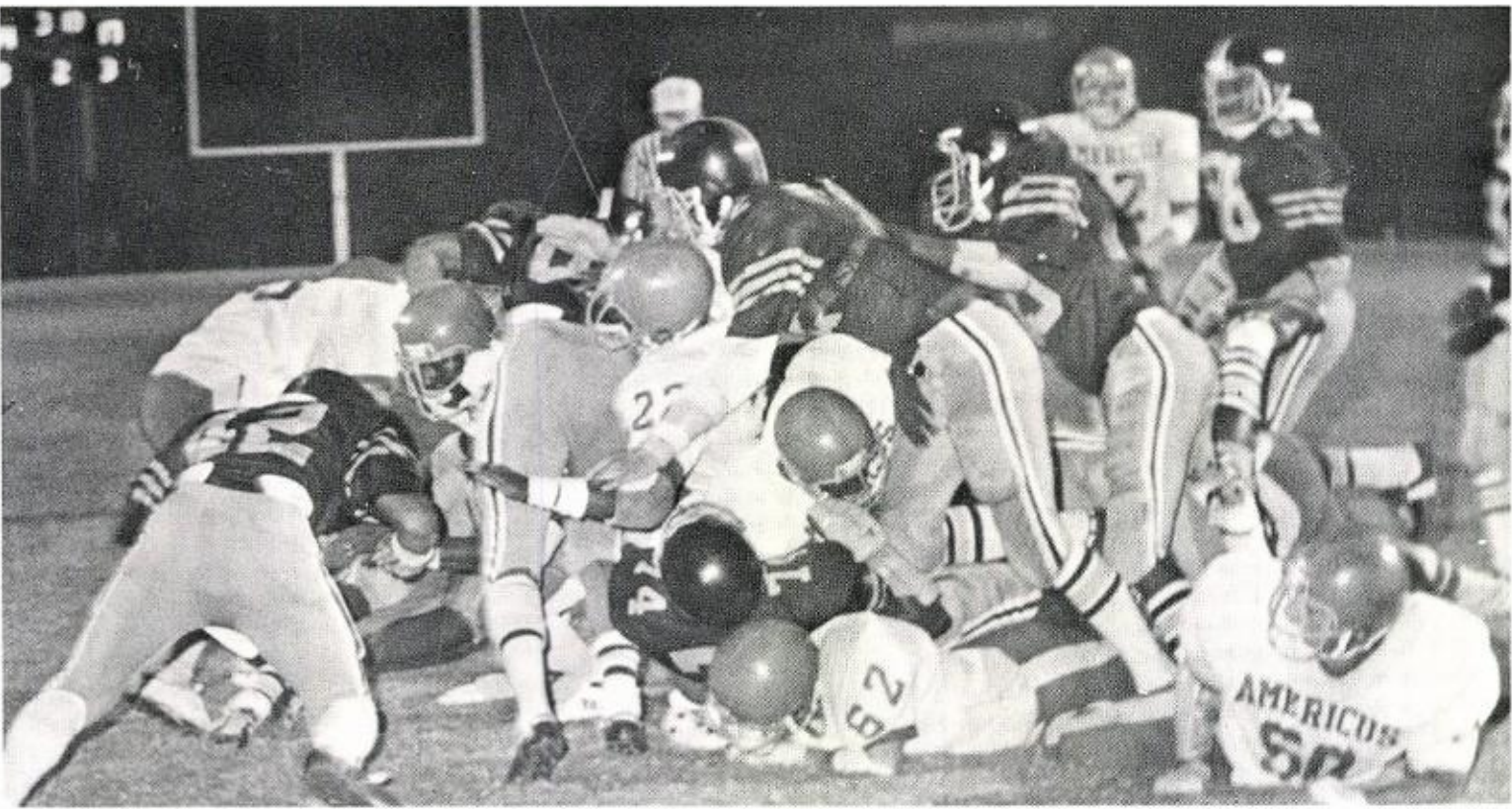
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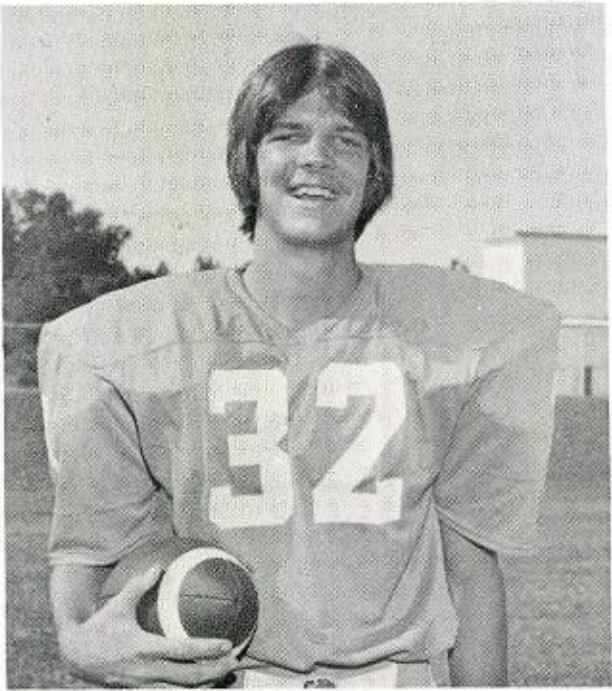
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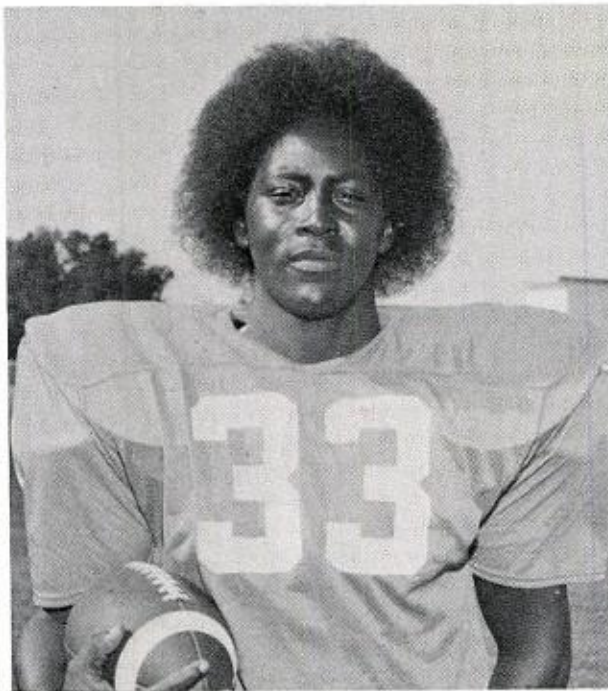
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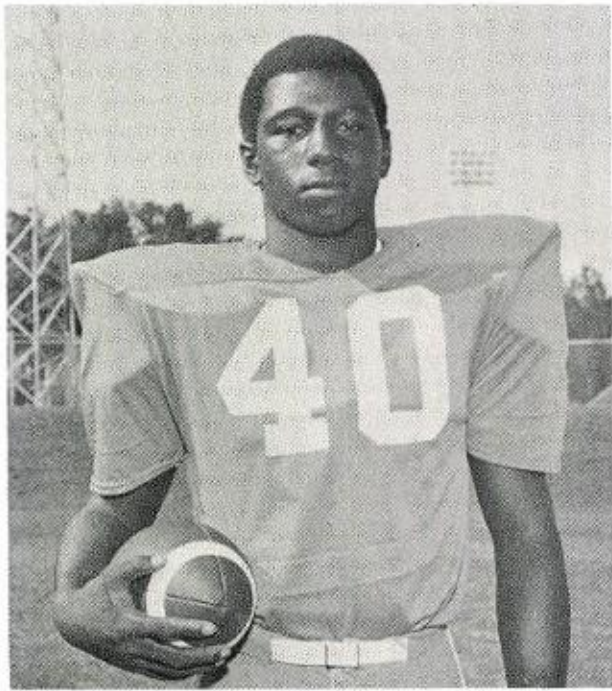
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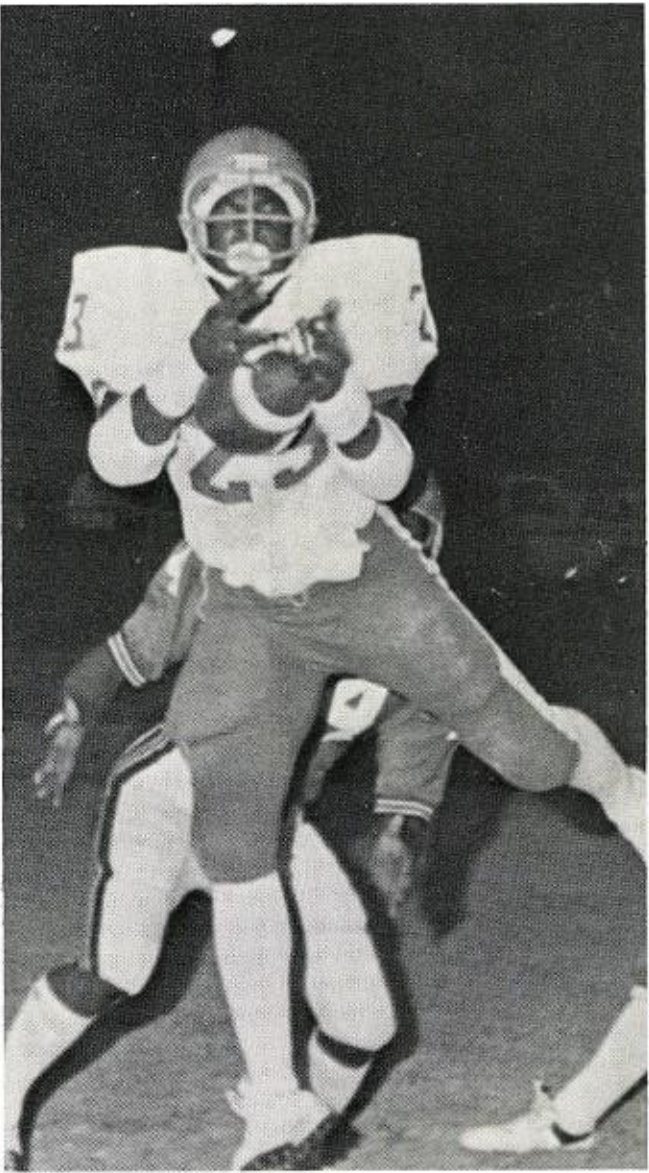
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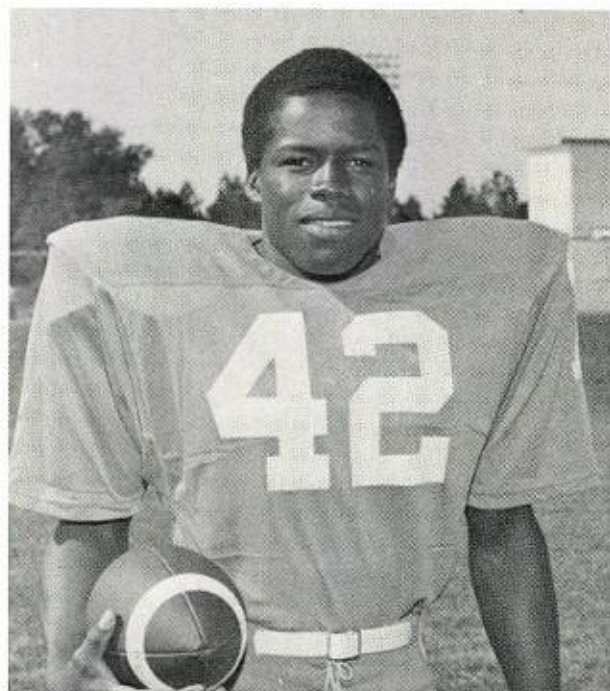


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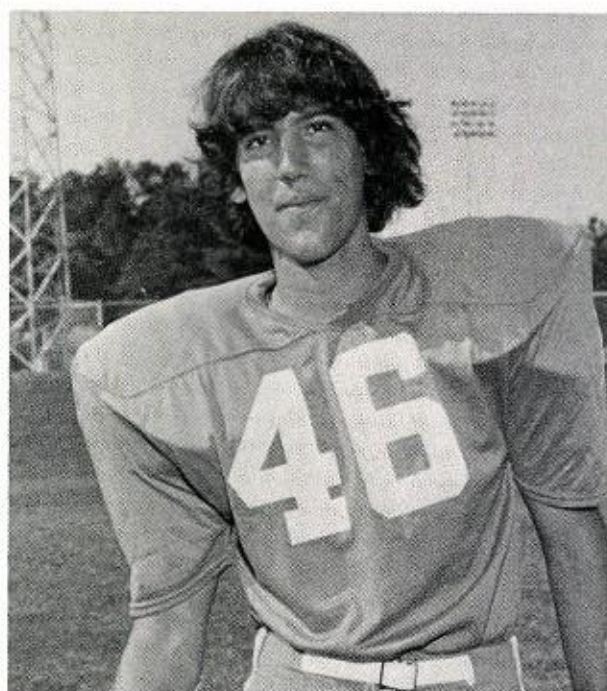


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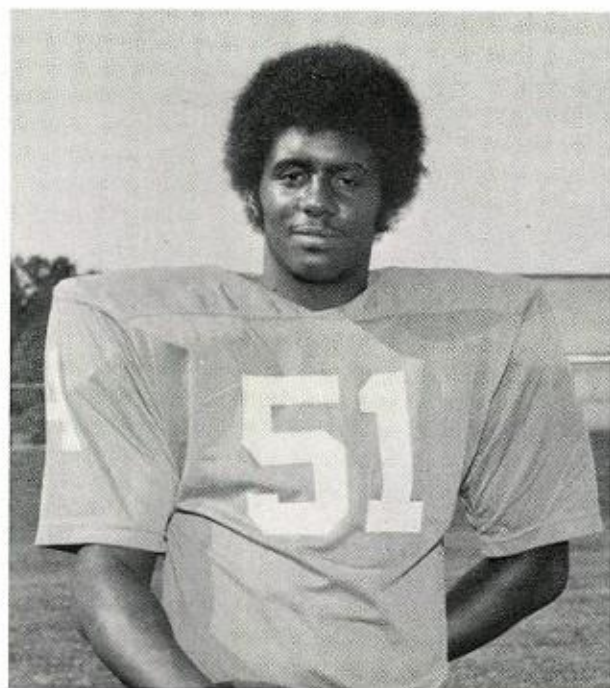
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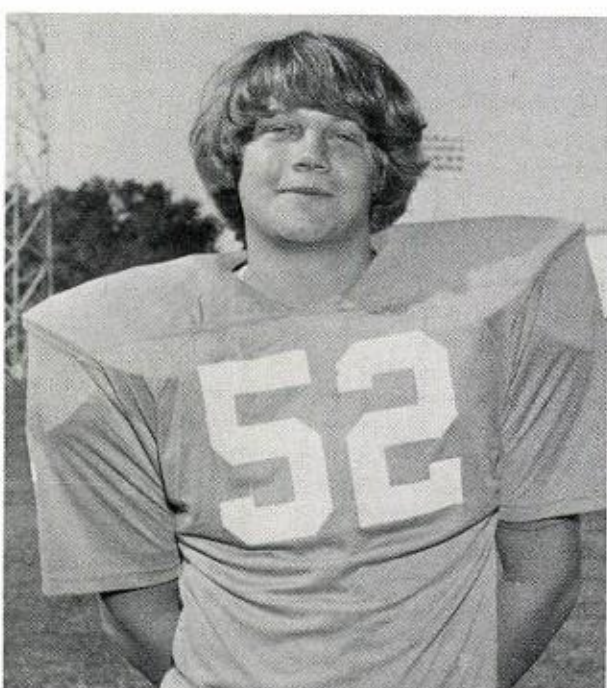
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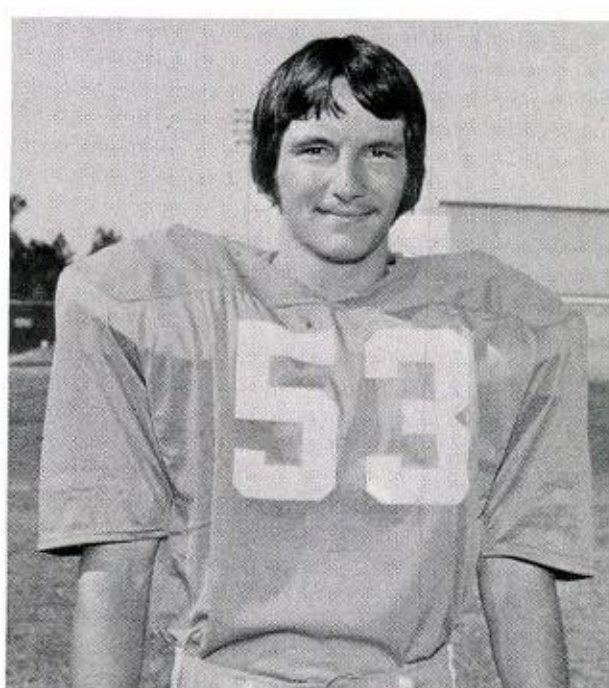
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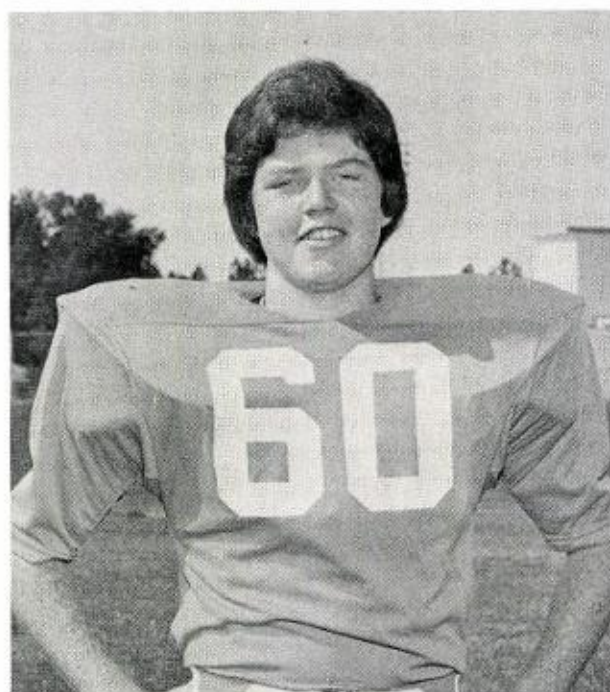


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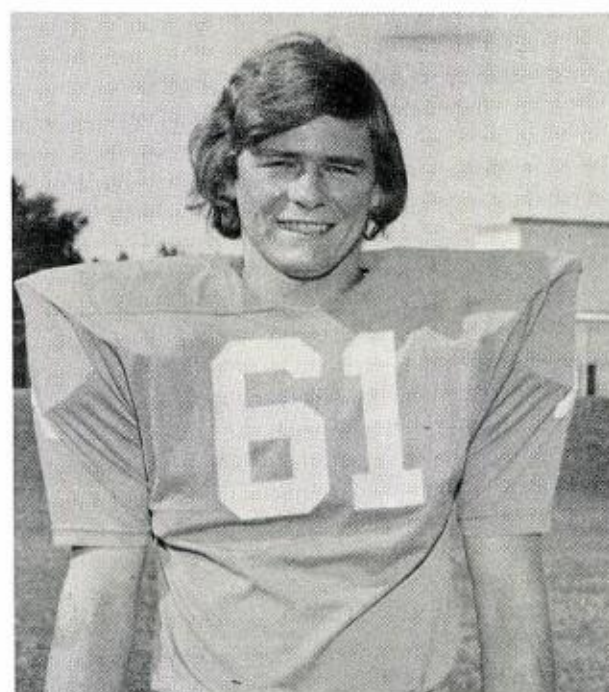


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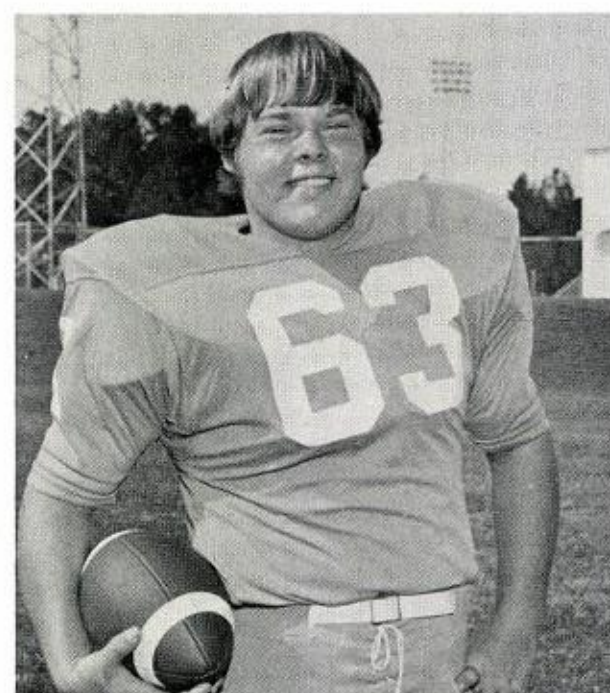




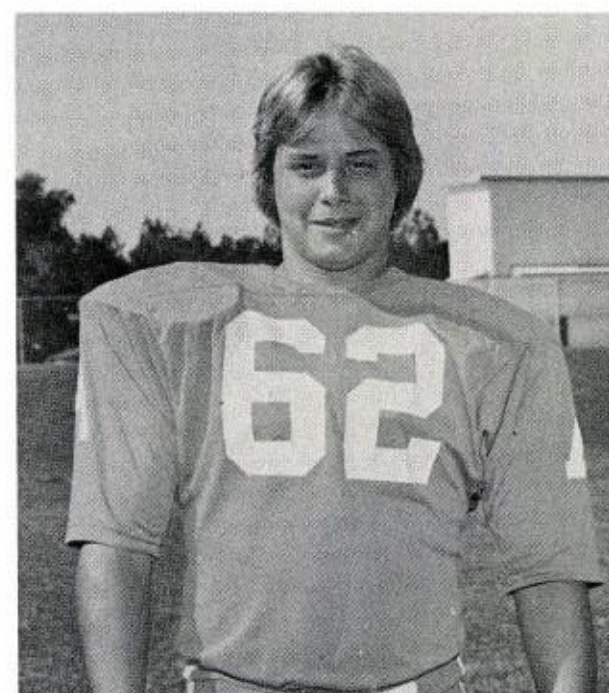
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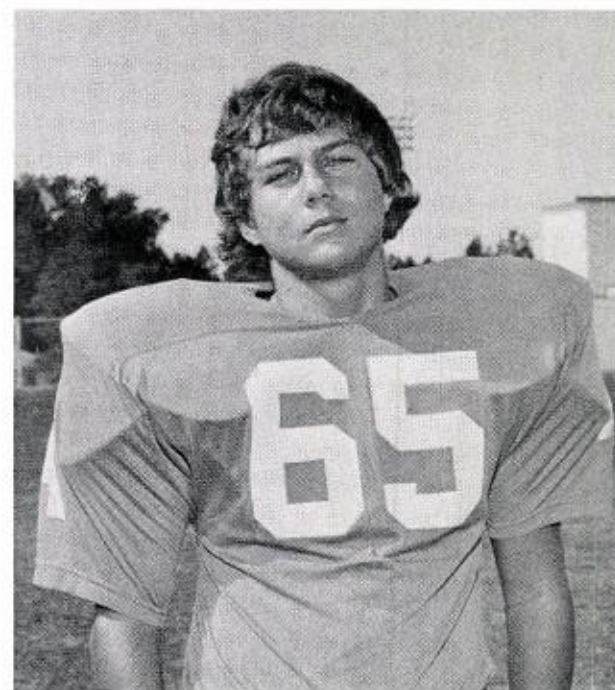
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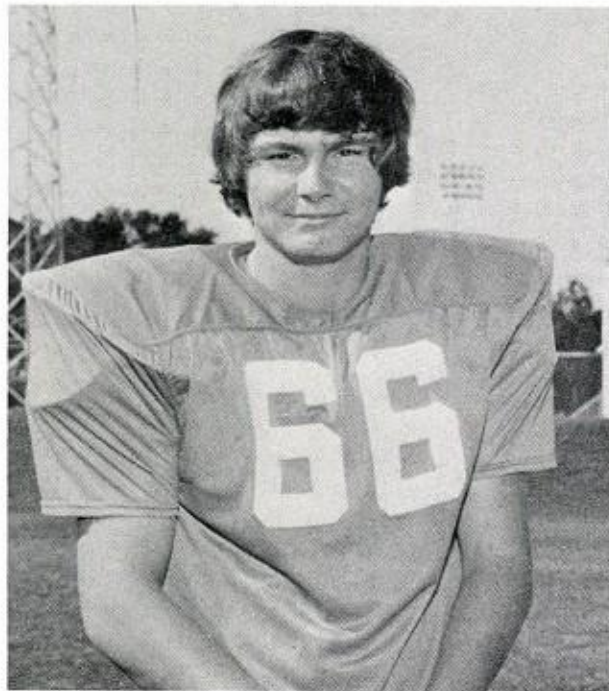
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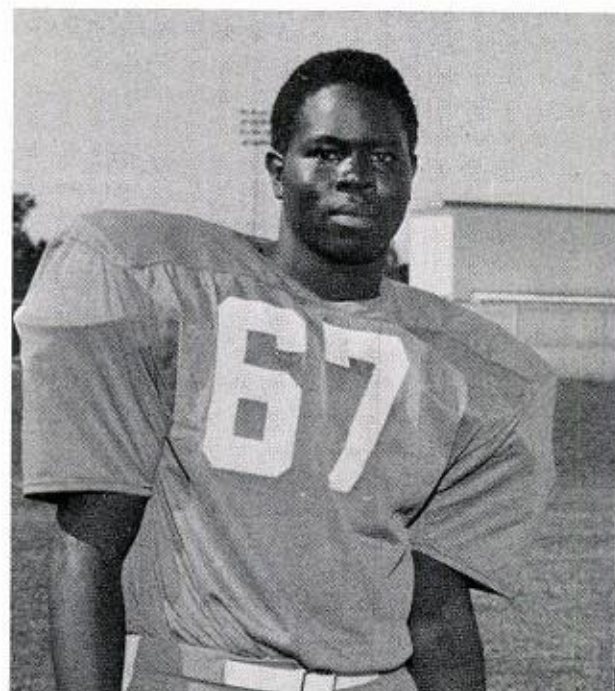
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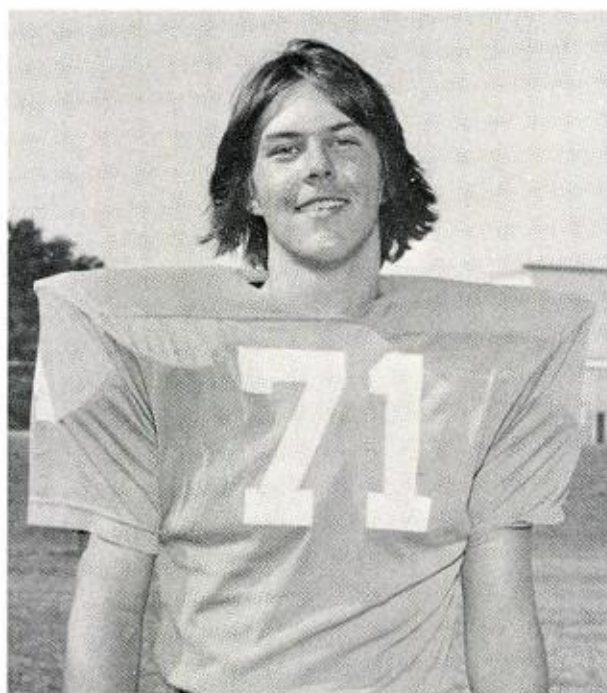


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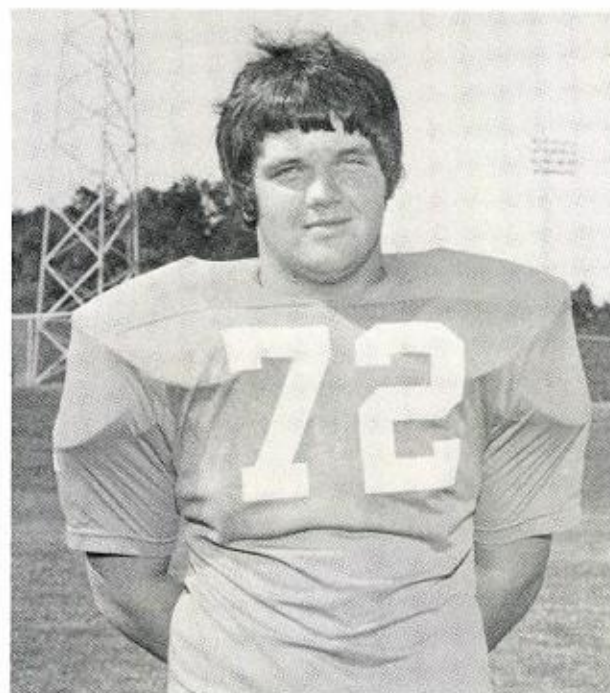




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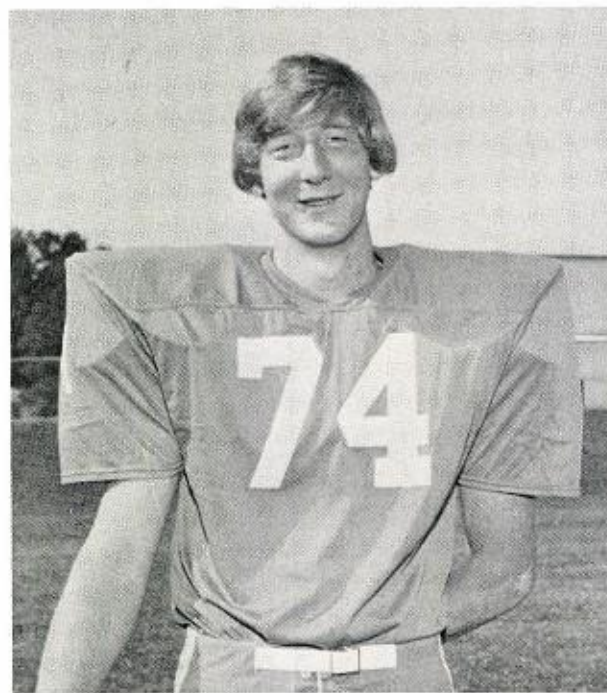
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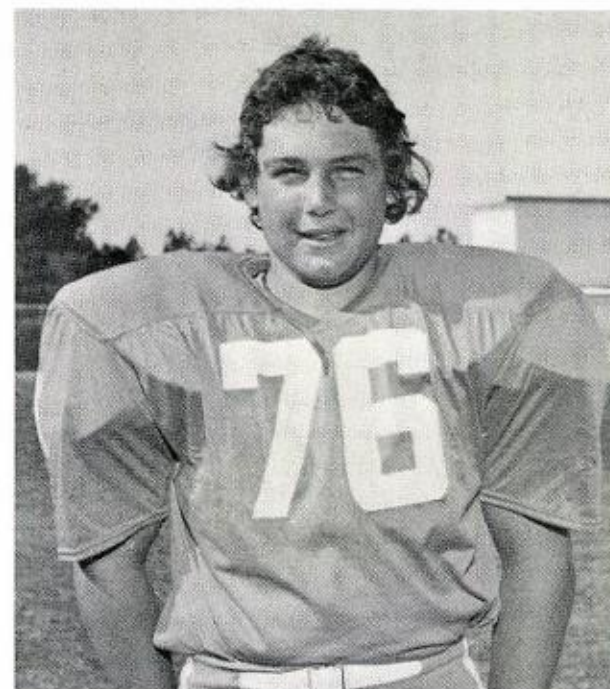
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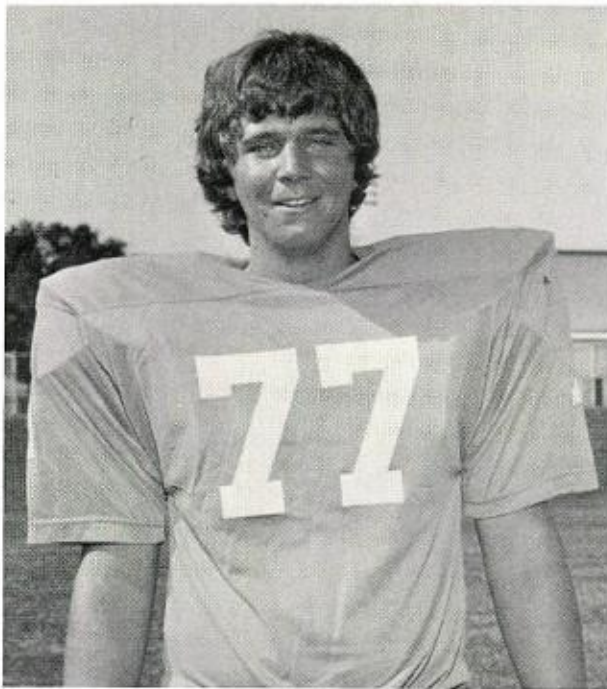
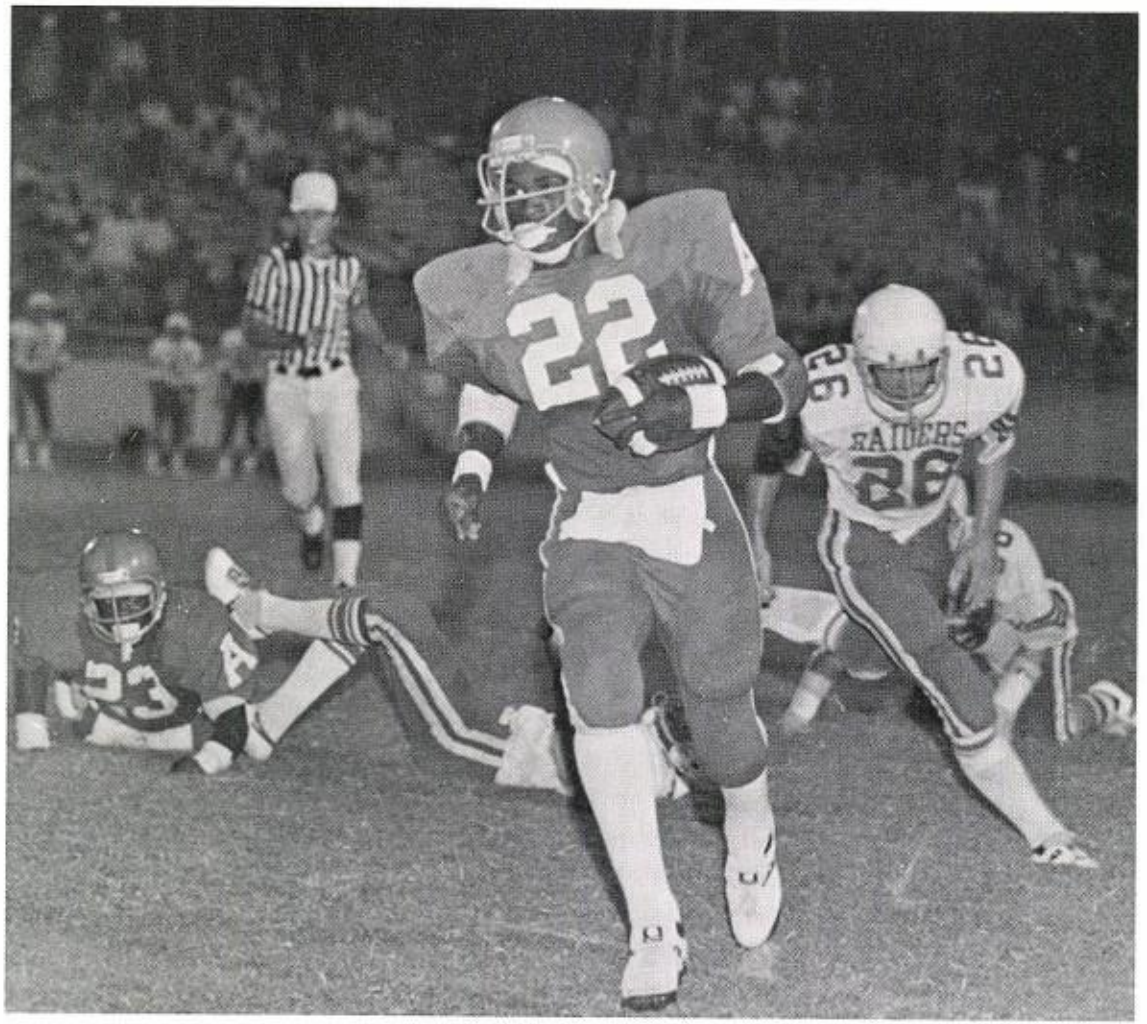
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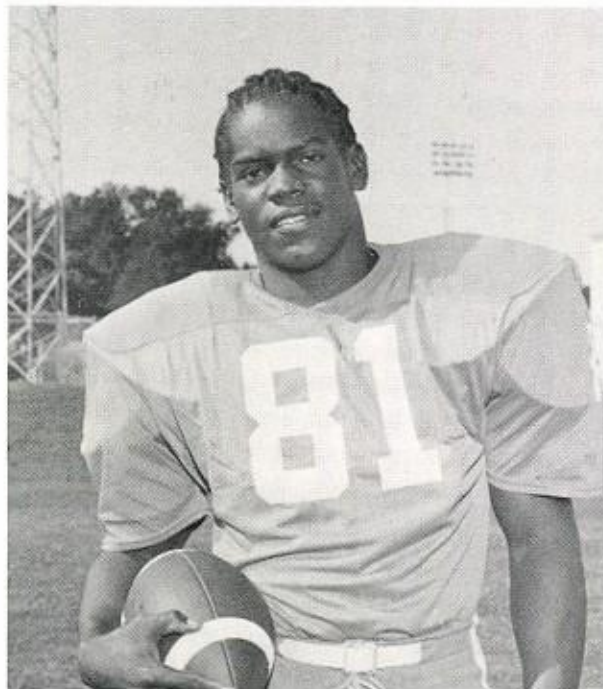
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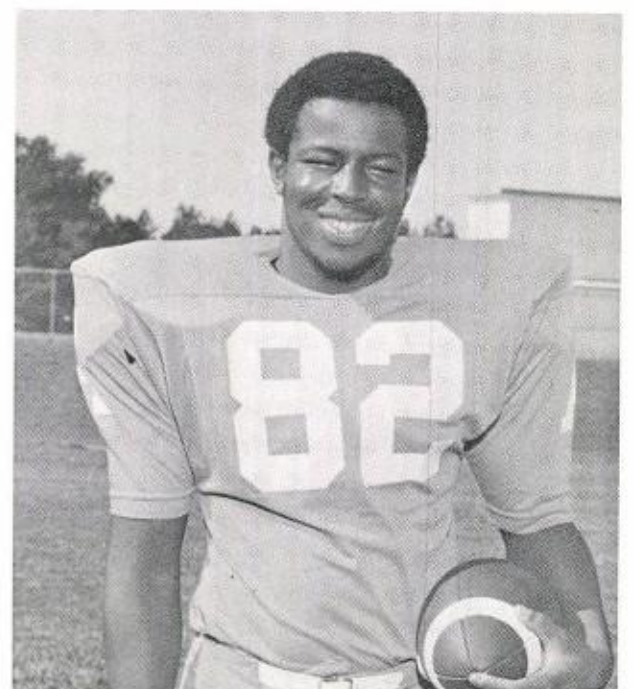
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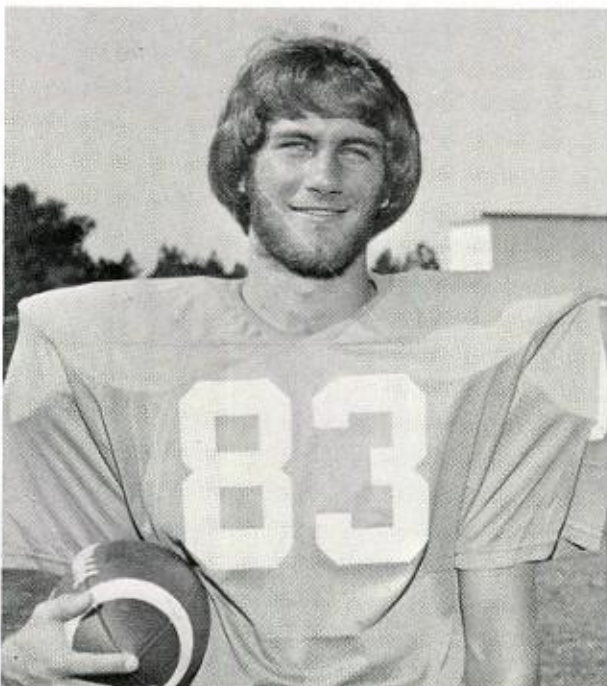
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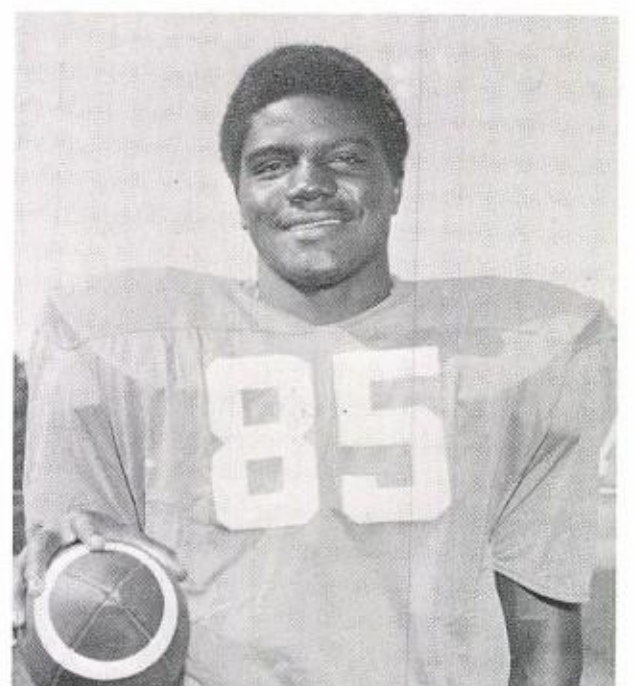
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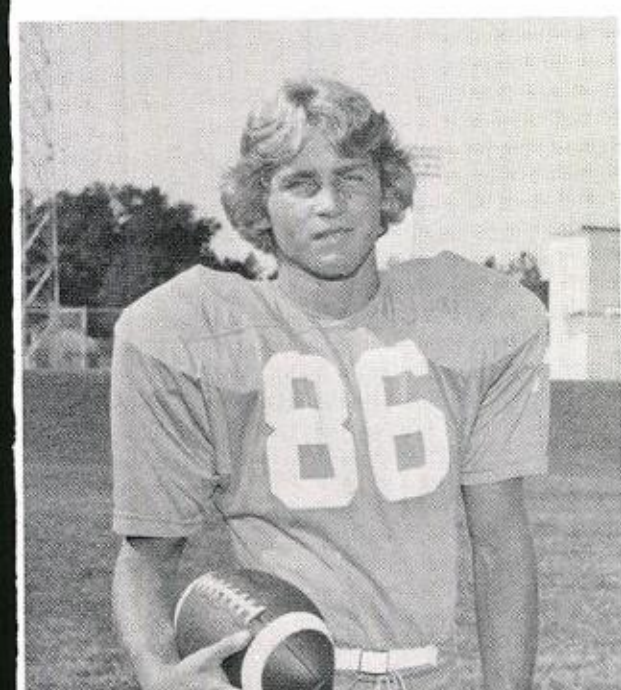
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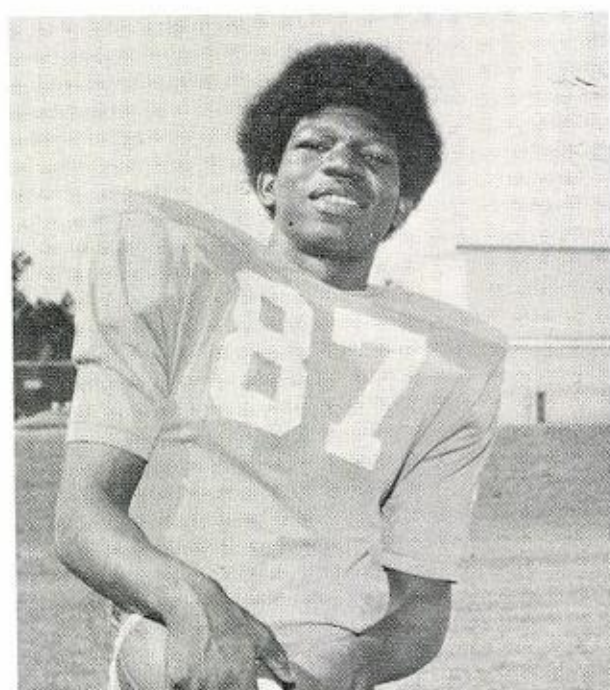
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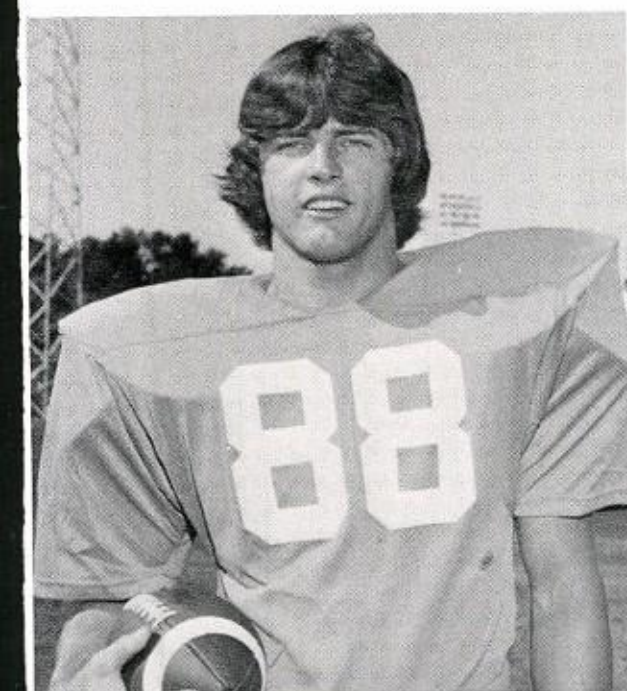
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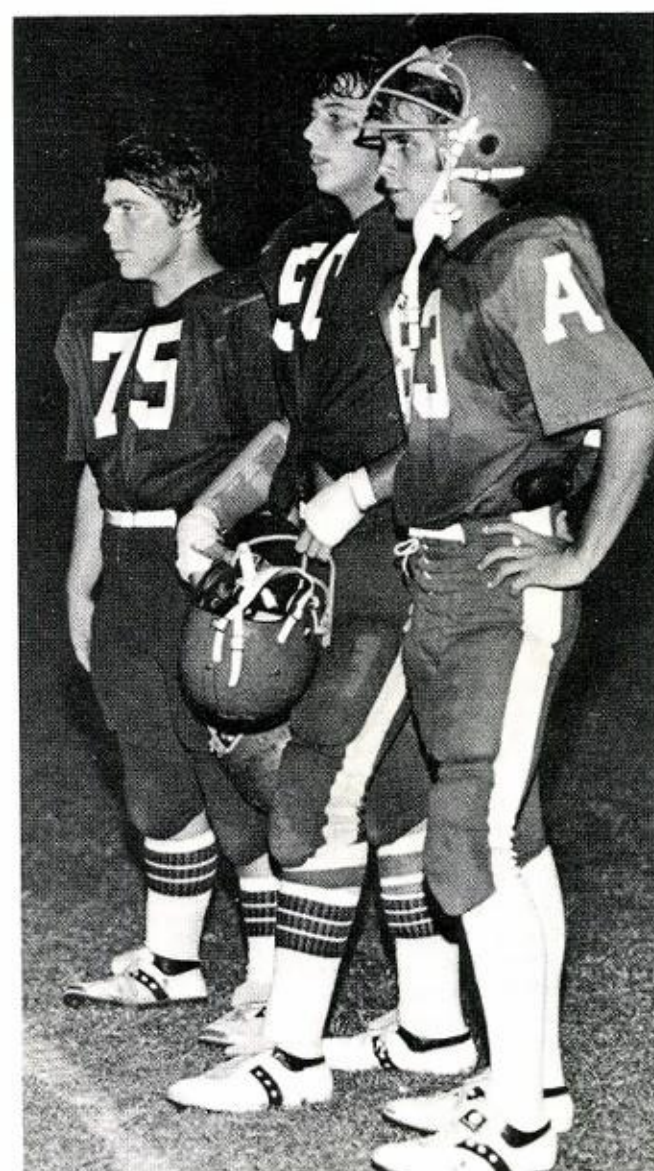
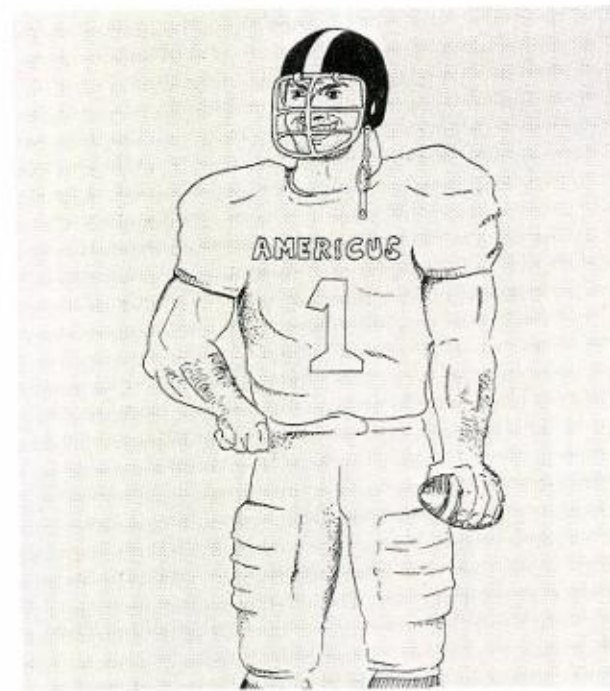
Doug Parrish



Ray Stephens



David Cashwell



1977 HONORS BANQUET



Recipients of 1977 Awards

Walter Gibson—Most Valuable Player and Captain; Lee Otis Burton—Most Improved Lineman and Parade All-American; Charles Leverette—Mr. Hustle Award; Doug Parrish—Outstanding Junior Lineman; John Davis—Sportsmanship Award and Captain; Hamer Abell—Scholastic Award; Ricky Whaley—Best Blocking Lineman; Emanuel King—Most Improved Back; David Colwell—Best Blocking Back; Dennis King—Outstanding Junior Back; David Cashwell—Headhunter.



Guest Speaker:
Coach Johnny Majors
Head Coach at Tennessee



Coach Majors shown with incoming Pres. of the Touchdown Club, Wayne McDonald and outgoing Pres. Jim Whaley.





Cheerleaders

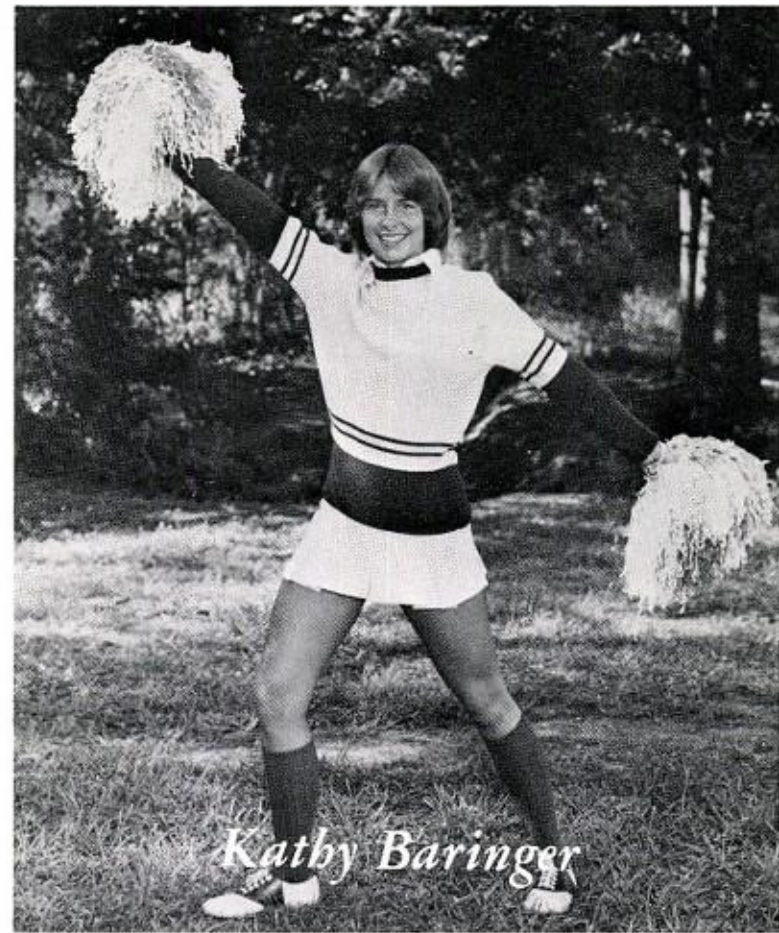
Captain
Phyllis Combs

Co-Captain
Kathryn Anderson





Christie Ryan



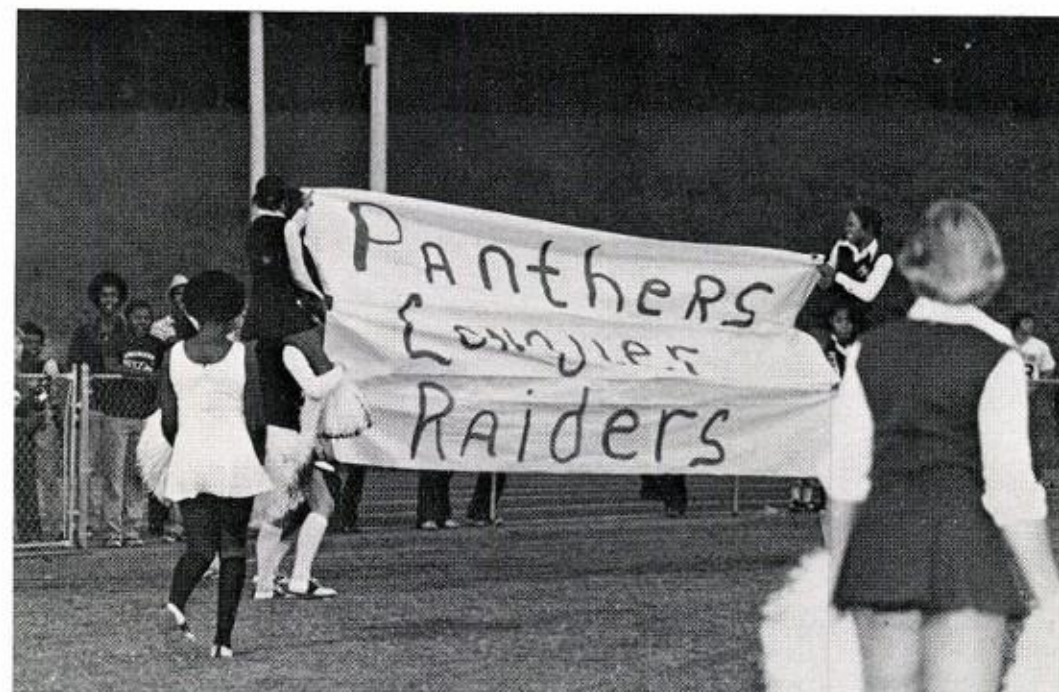
Kathy Baringer



Susan Gibbs



Leisha Ware





Tracy Clark



Bonnie Jones



Lori Bates

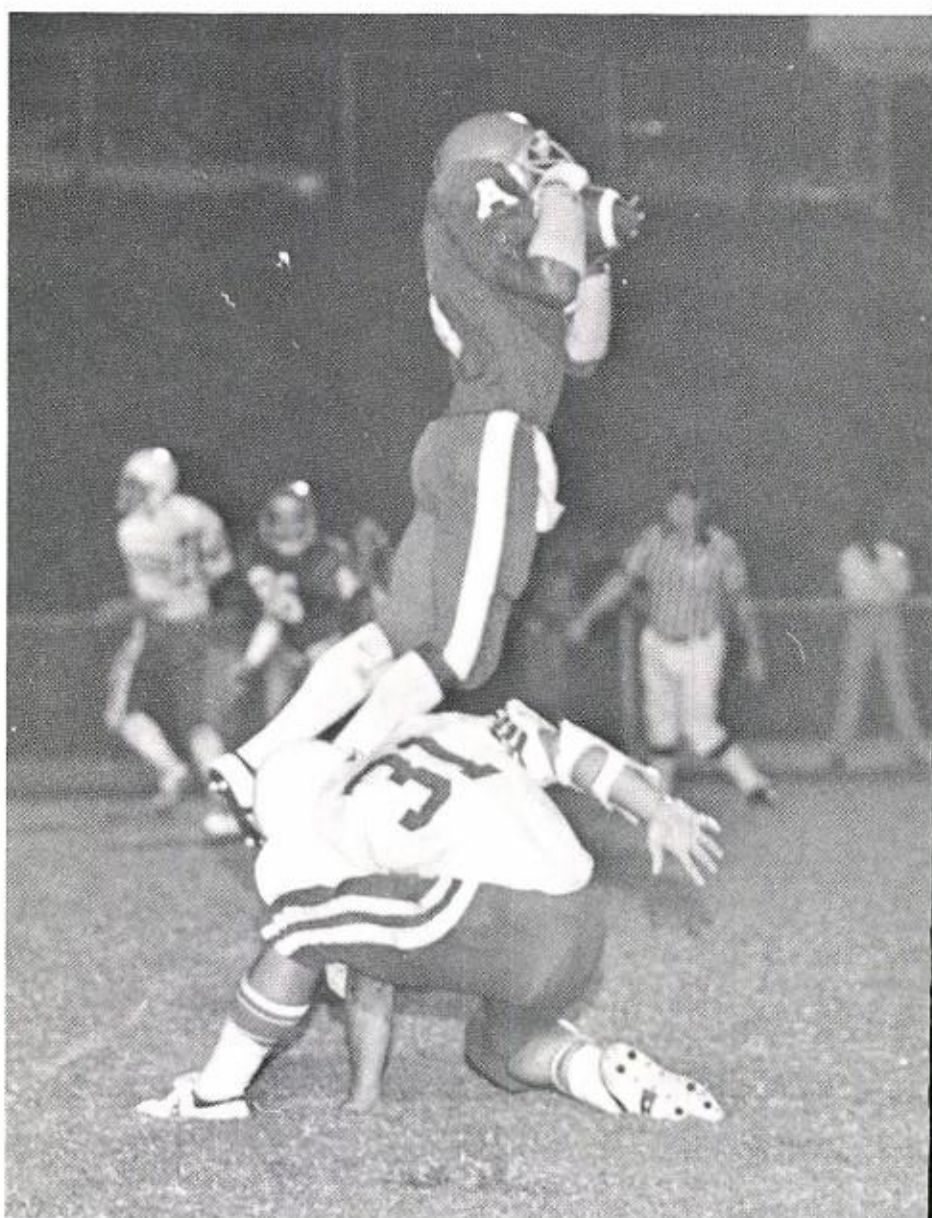
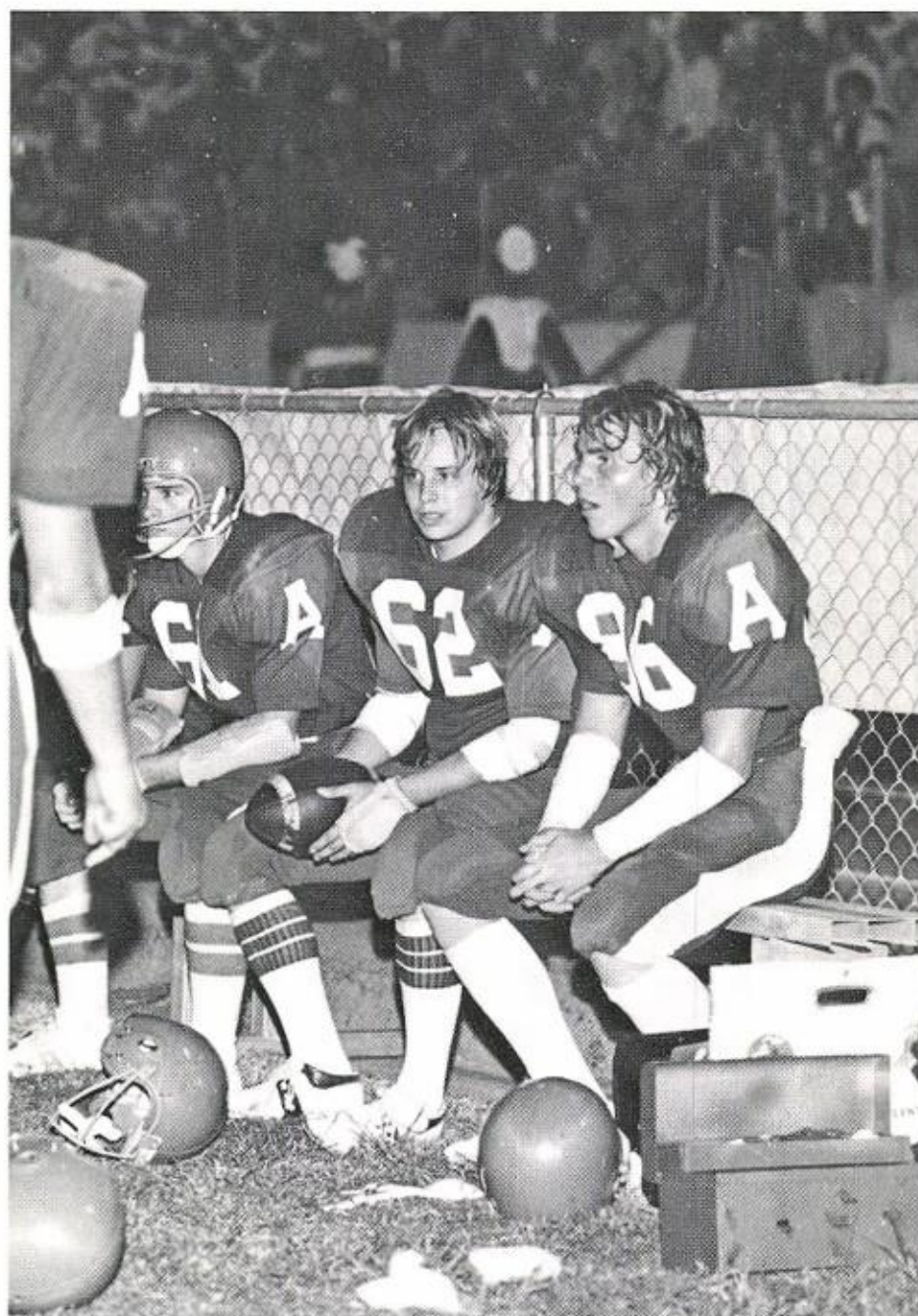


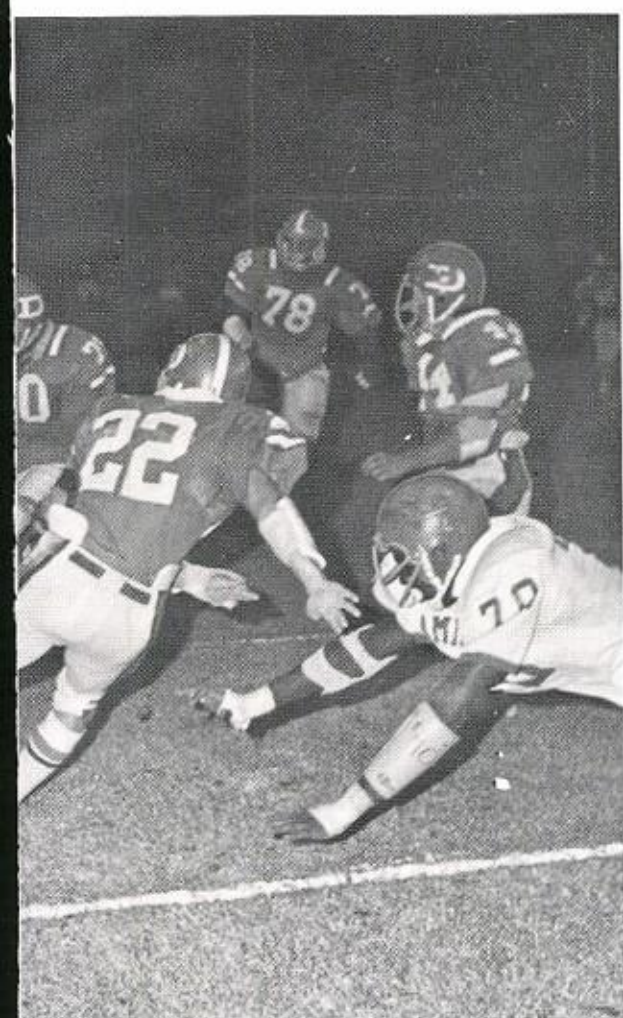
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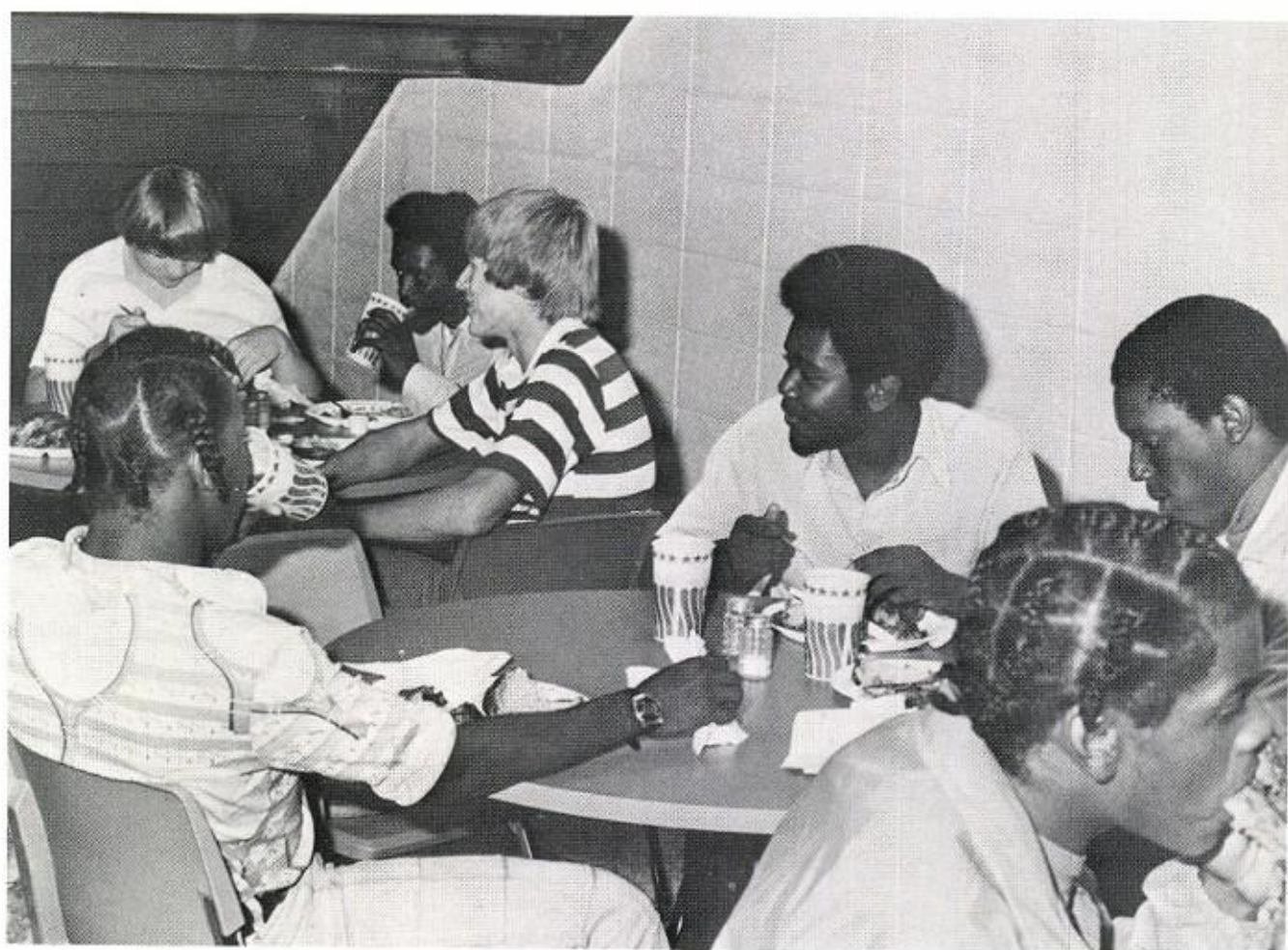






LEE OTIS BURTON

The date was Wednesday, January 4, 1978. In the presence of his mother, Americus High and Tennessee coaches, Lee Otis Burton signed with the University of Tennessee. Although many other colleges were in hot pursuit of him, star lineman Lee Otis finally chose Tennessee. We wish him luck in all of his collegiate football endeavors!



77-78 Varsity Basketball



BOY'S VARSITY BASKETBALL

Coach:

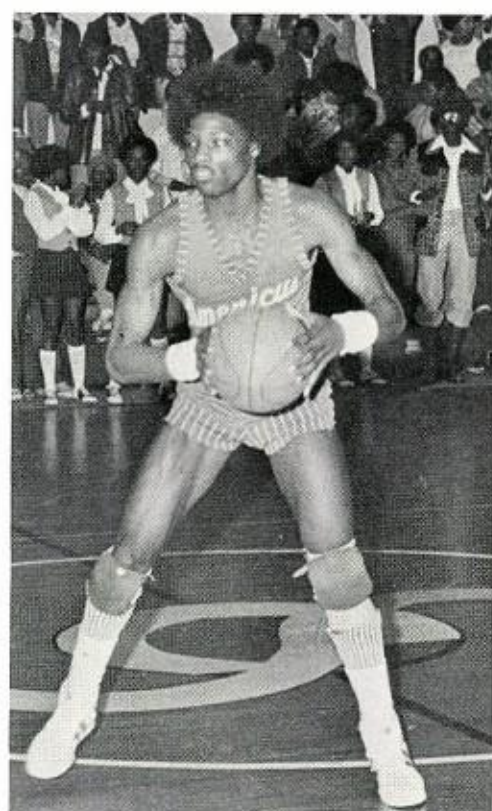
Eric Mance

Managers:

Charles Leverette

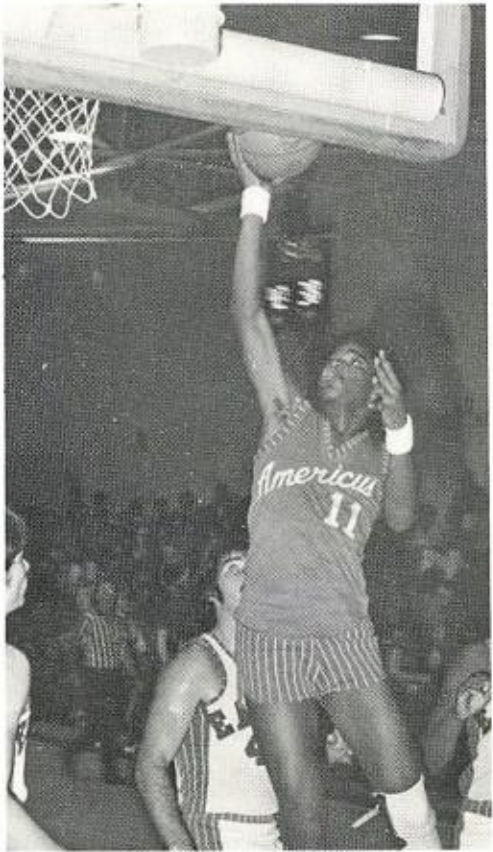
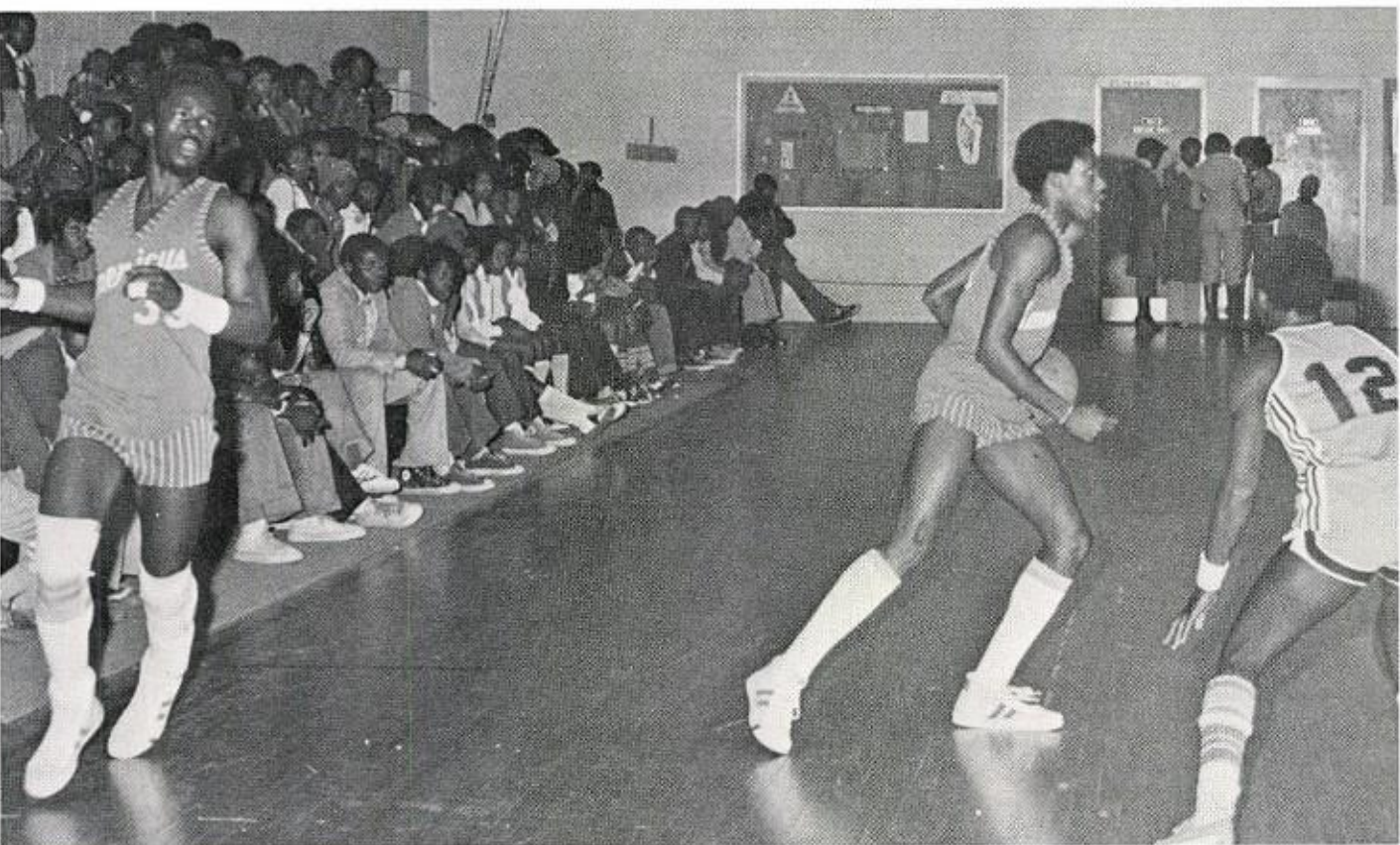
Gerald Whitehead

Forwards:
 Fred Williams
 Alvin Bateman
 James Gordon
 Kelvin Raven
 Joe Ingram



Guards:
 Artis Johnson
 Elias Tullis
 Emanuel King
 Carlton Lincoln
 Donnell McDonald
 Willie Iverson
 Dennis King





Centers:
Lyn Bowen
Danny MacQuirter
Greg Hopkins



GIRL'S VARSITY BASKETBALL

Coach:

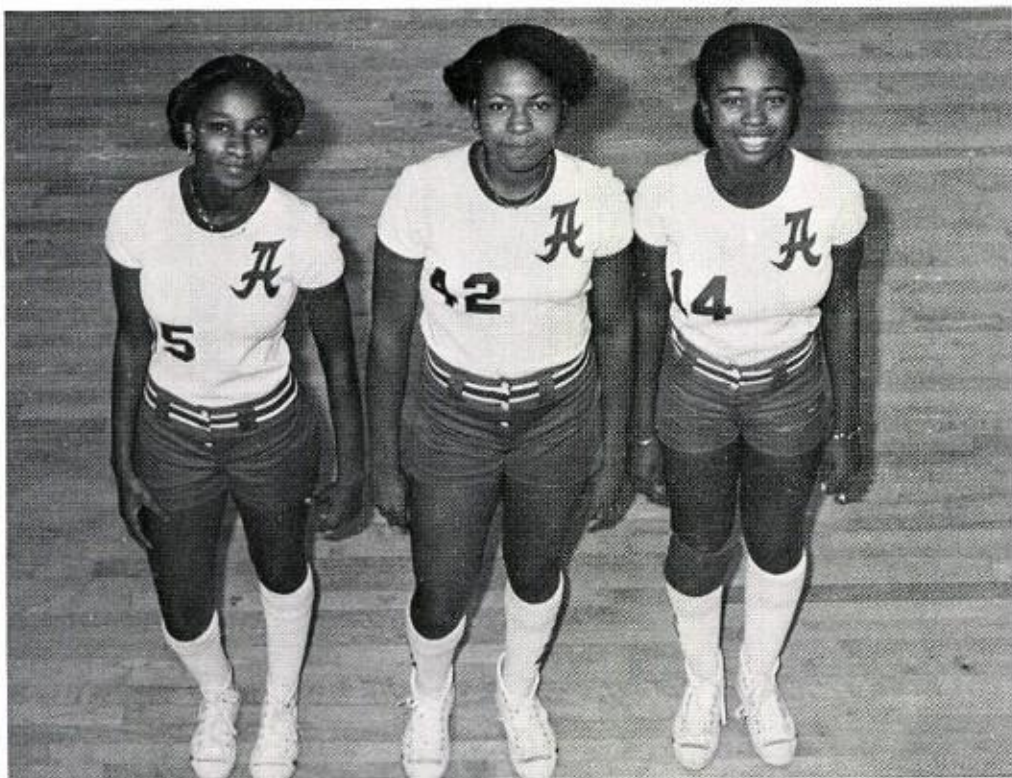
Clyde McGrady

Assistant Coach:

Betty Shelton



Managers: Pam Angry and Bernadine Greene. Statistician: Larry Macquinter



FORWARDS:

Jackie Clark

Laura Foster

Carolyn King



CENTERS:

Virginia Austin

Elaine Espy

Valerie McGarrah

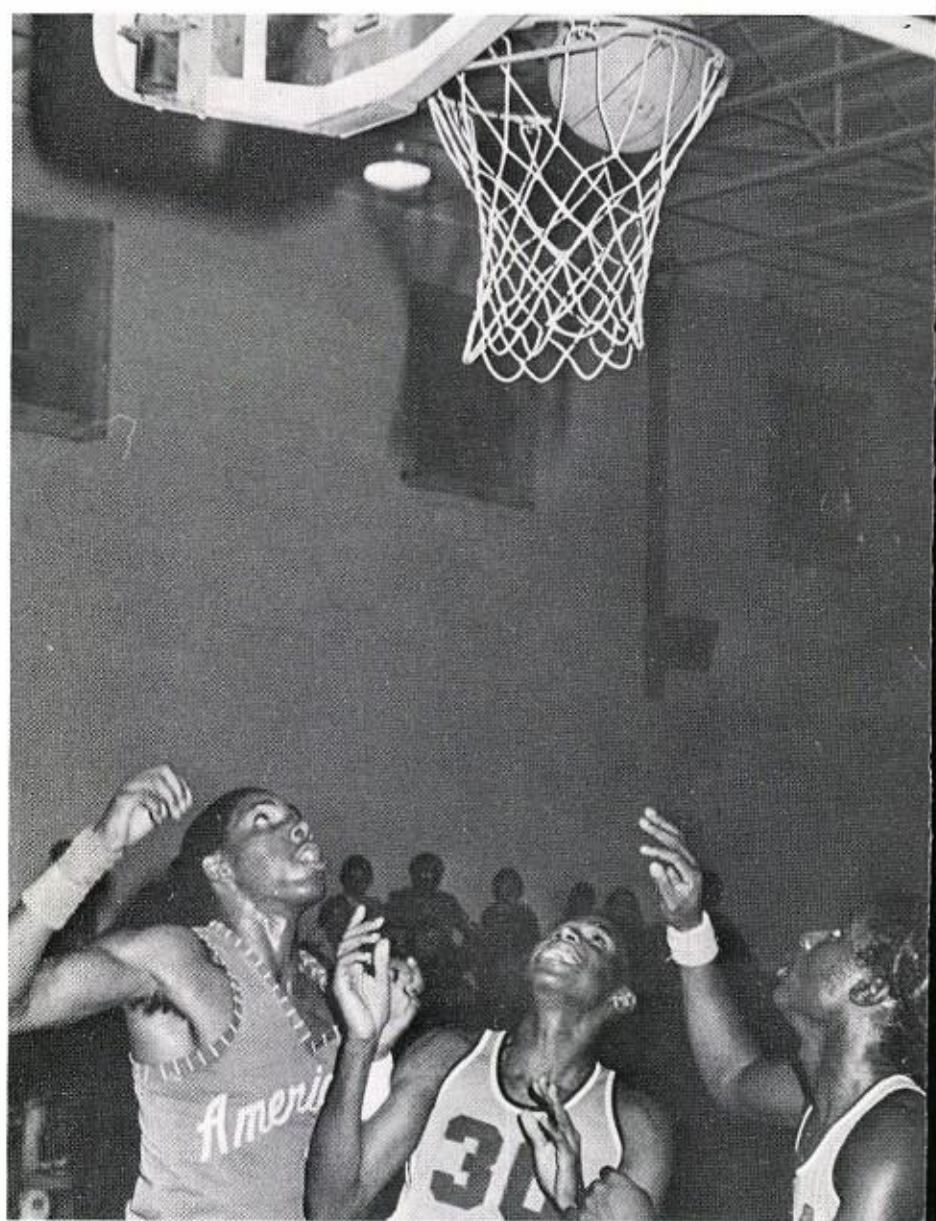
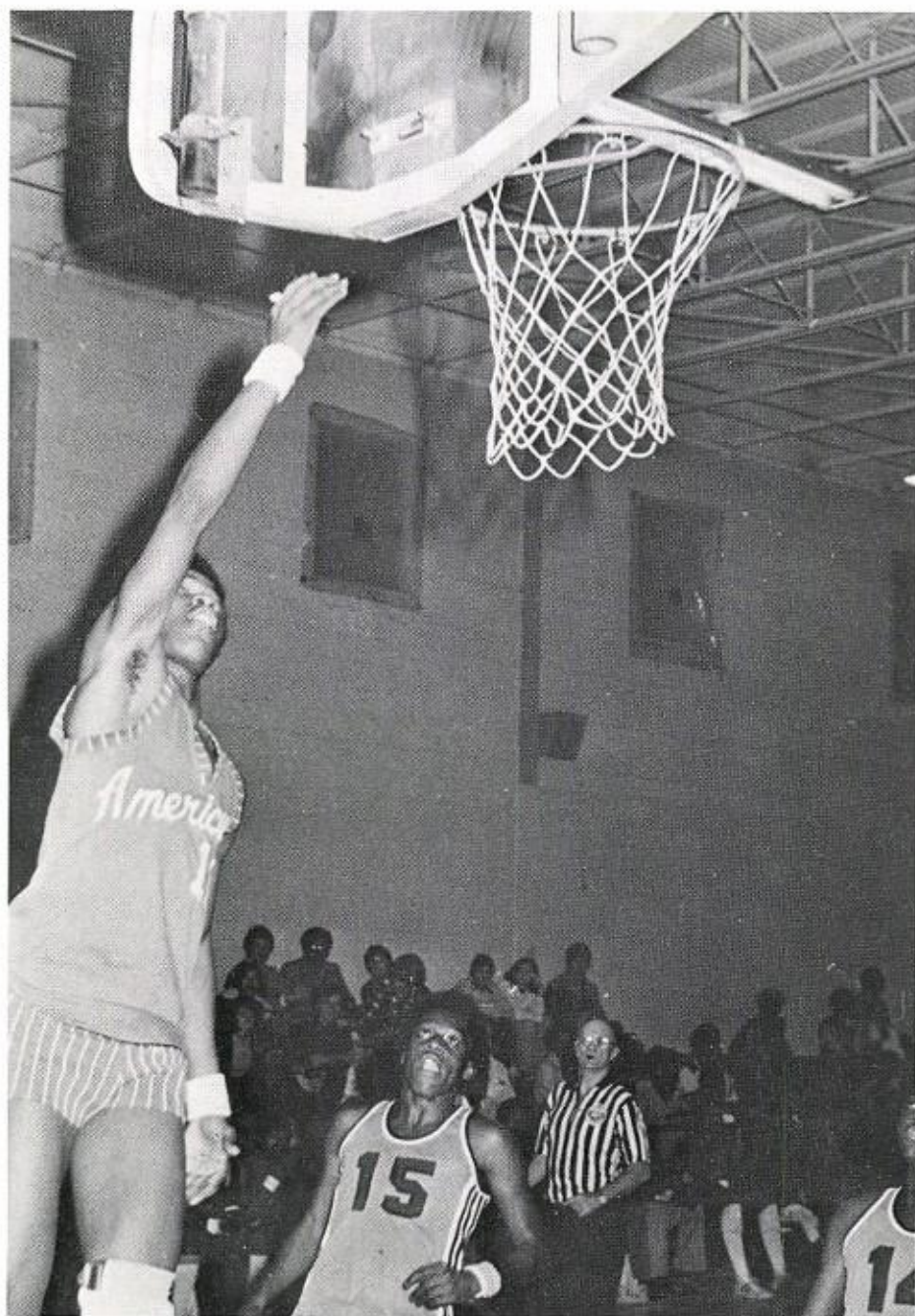
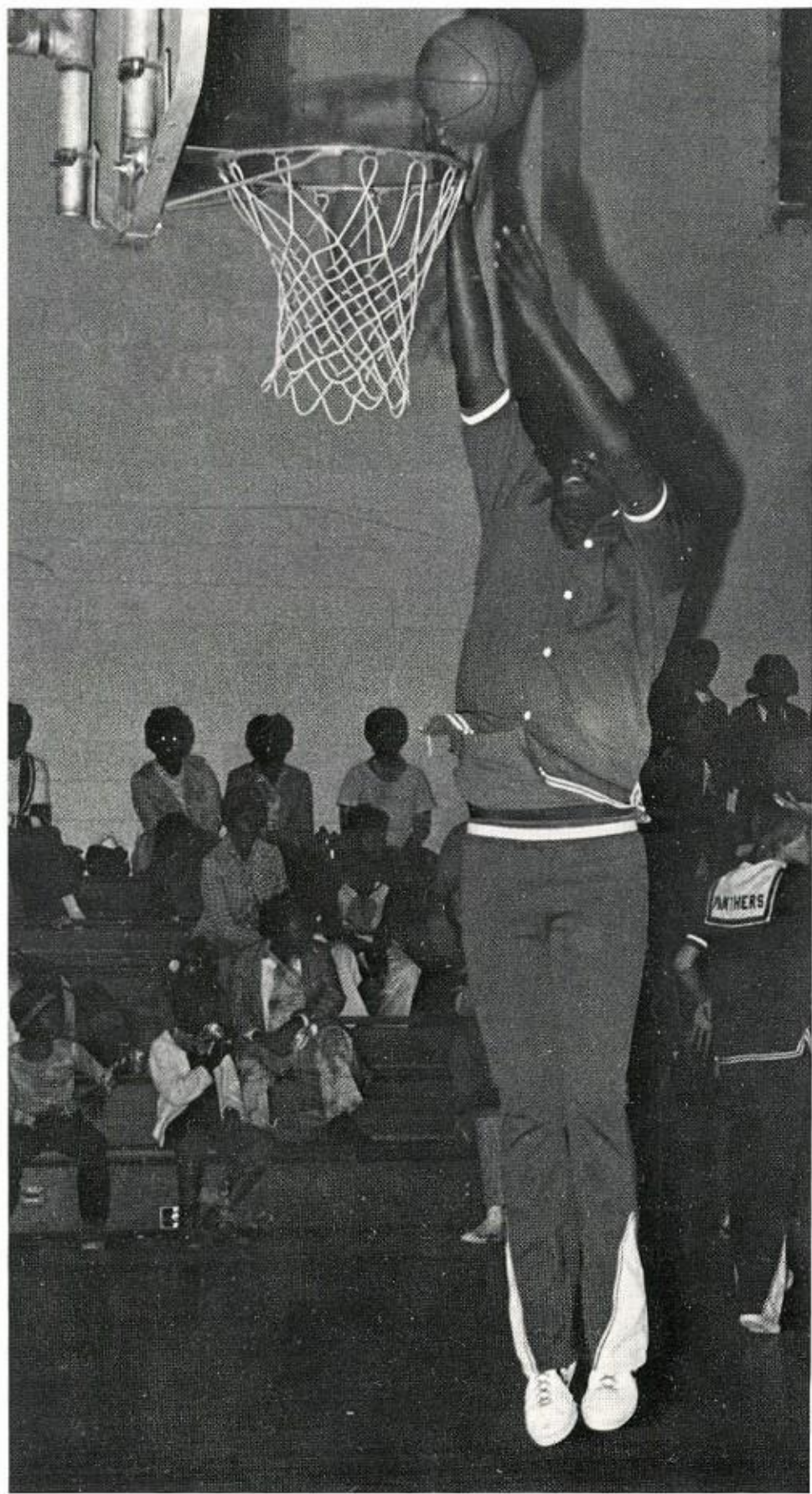


GUARDS:

Sharon Bivins

Brenda Harris

Tracy Martin





B-TEAM BASKETBALL

Coach:

Jeff Van Tone

Managers:

Dwayne Stephens

David Hunt

Michael Welborne



Jerome Smith, Walter Moore, Raymond Johnson, Keith Ingram, Leon Scott, Greg Moye, Booker Jones, Dale Robinson, Jessie Payne, Alexander Battle, Felton Johnson, Victor Mann, Kenneth Bryant

B-TEAM GIRLS

Coach:

Betty Shelton

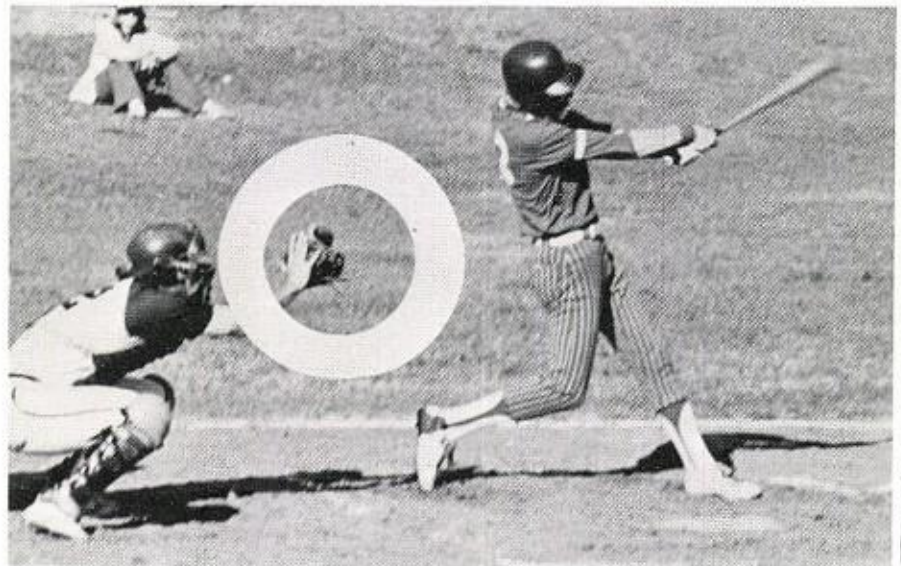
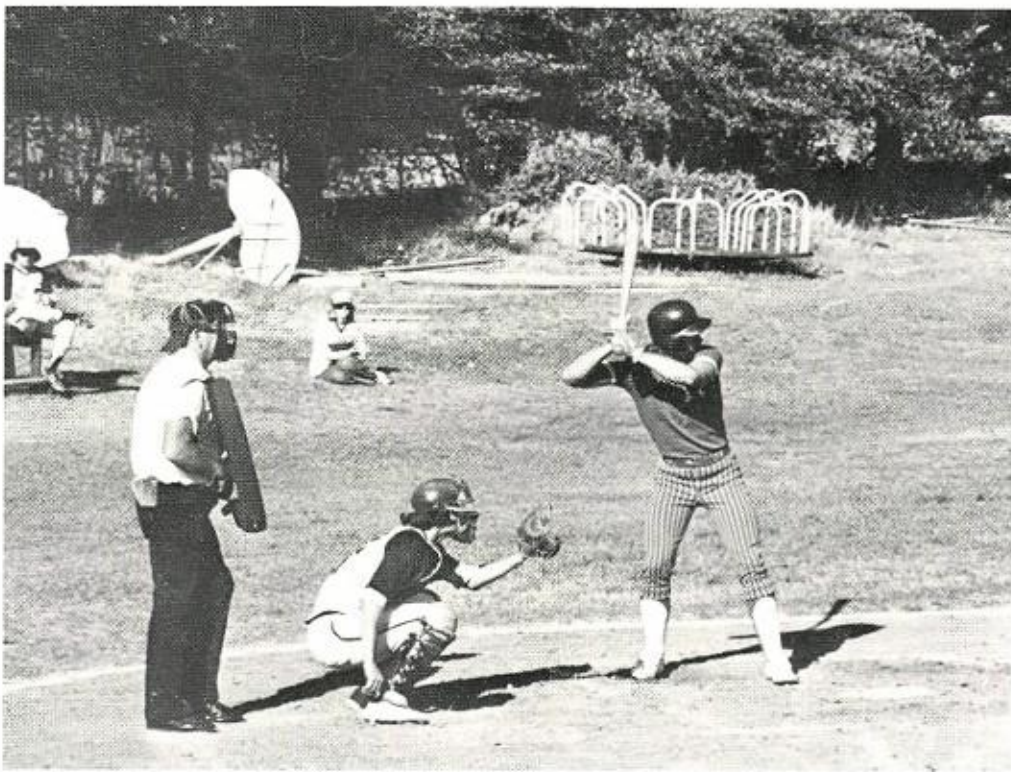
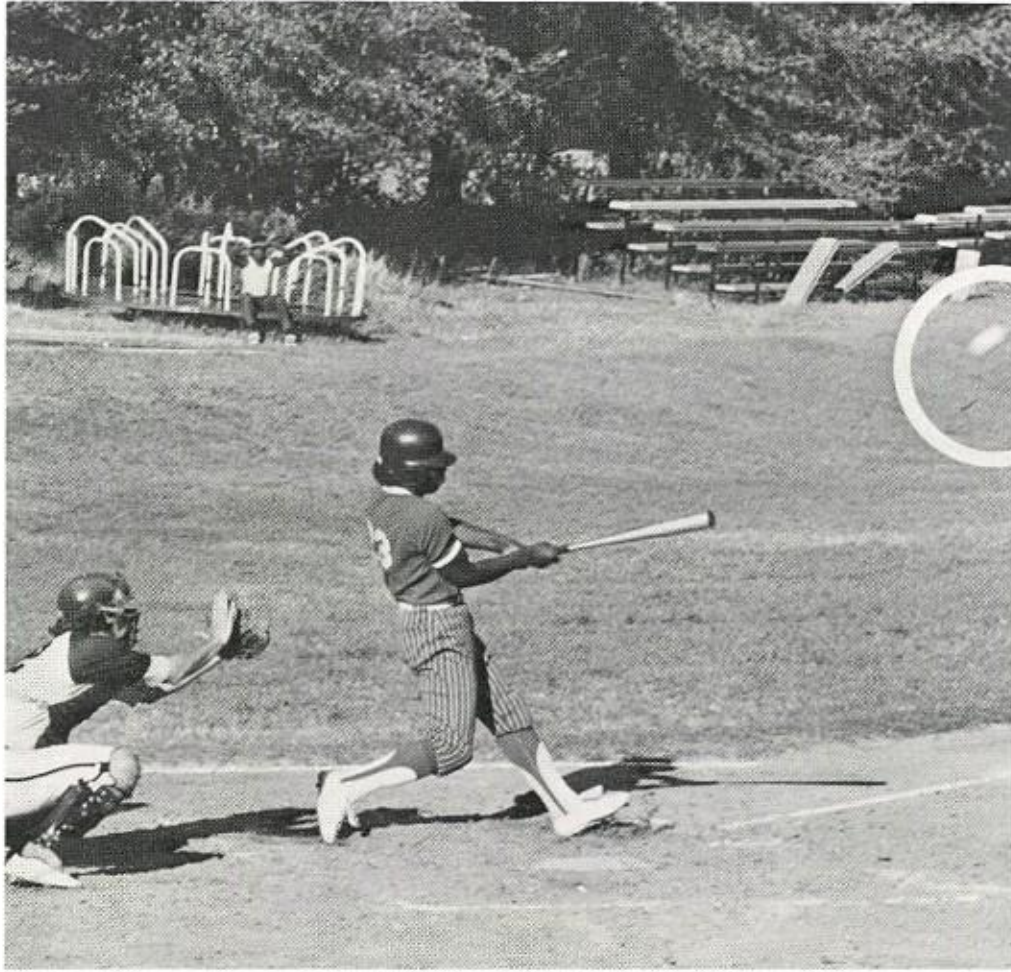
Manager:

Sheila Calloway



Brenda Harris, Angela Cunningham, Kim Fuller, Elaine Espy, Jackie Clark, Carolyn King

1977 BASEBALL CANDIDS



1978

GOLF

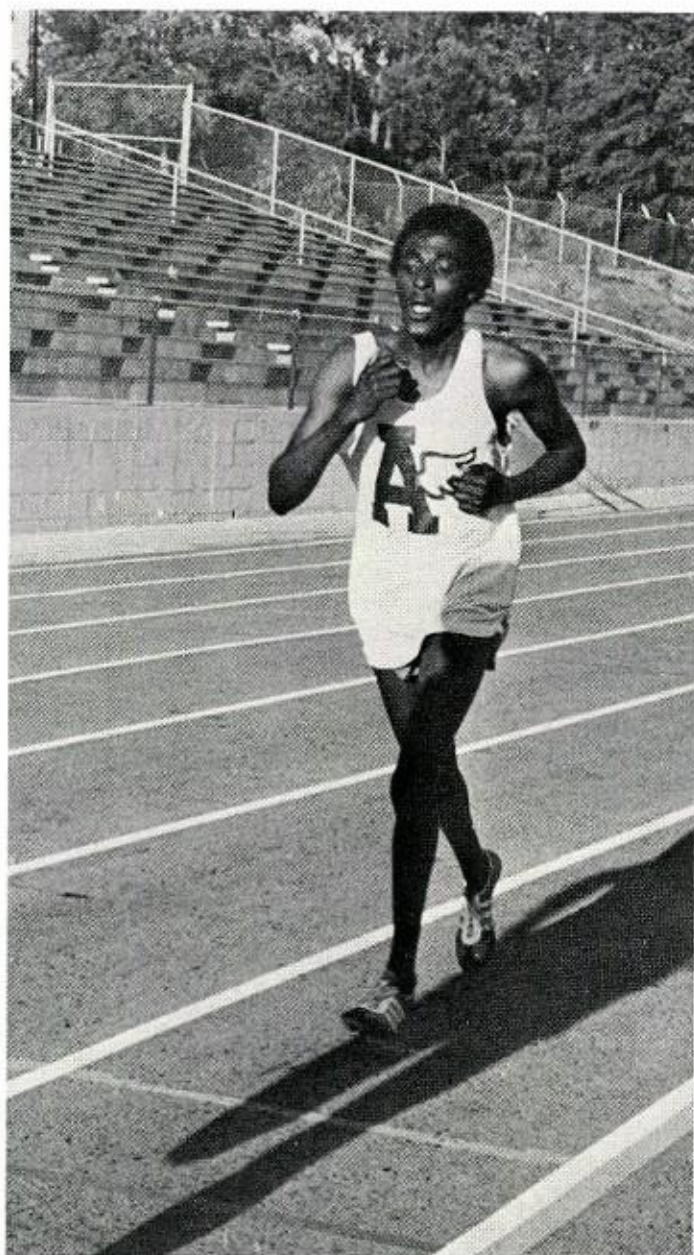
TEAM



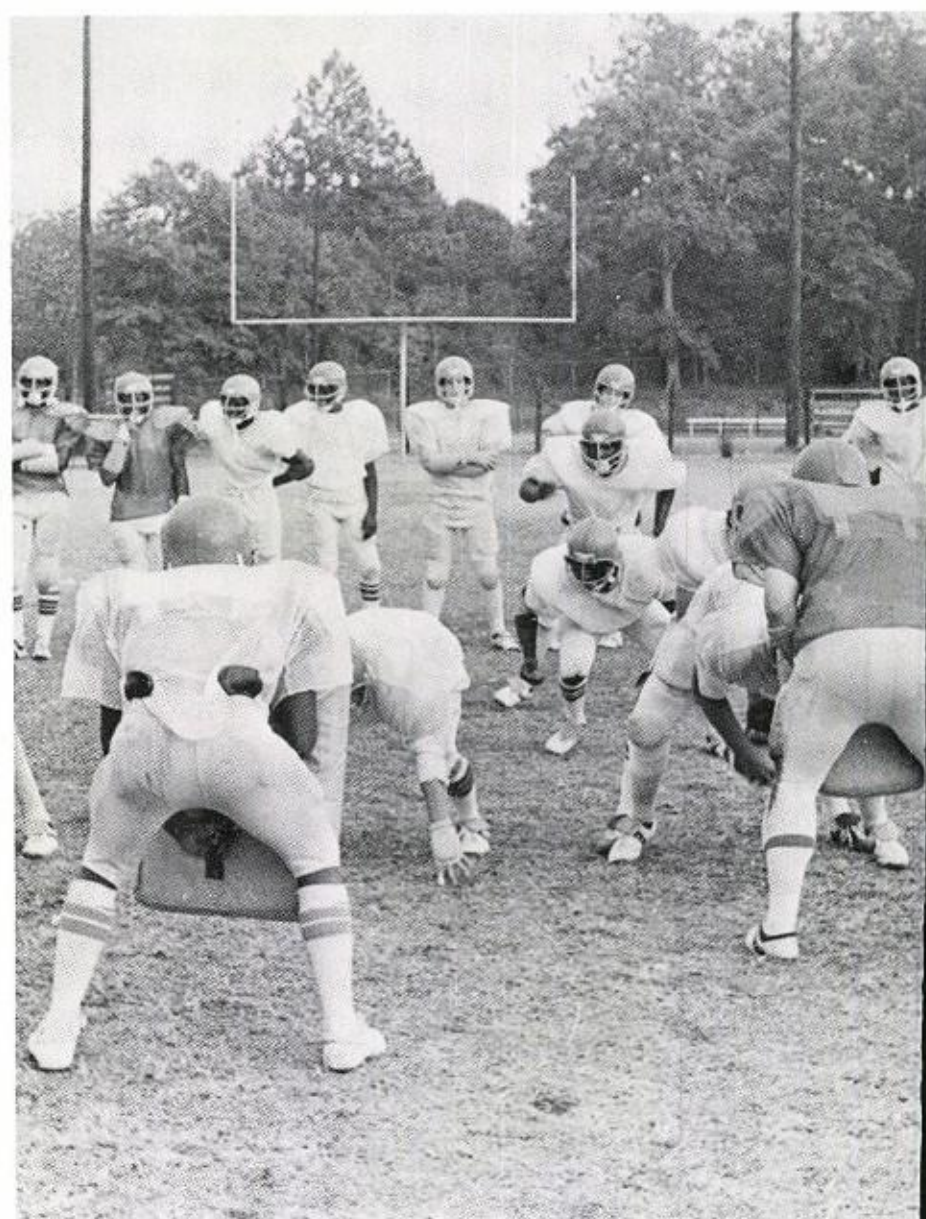
Artis Johnson, Bill Boys, Peter Rightmyer, Hugh Bowen

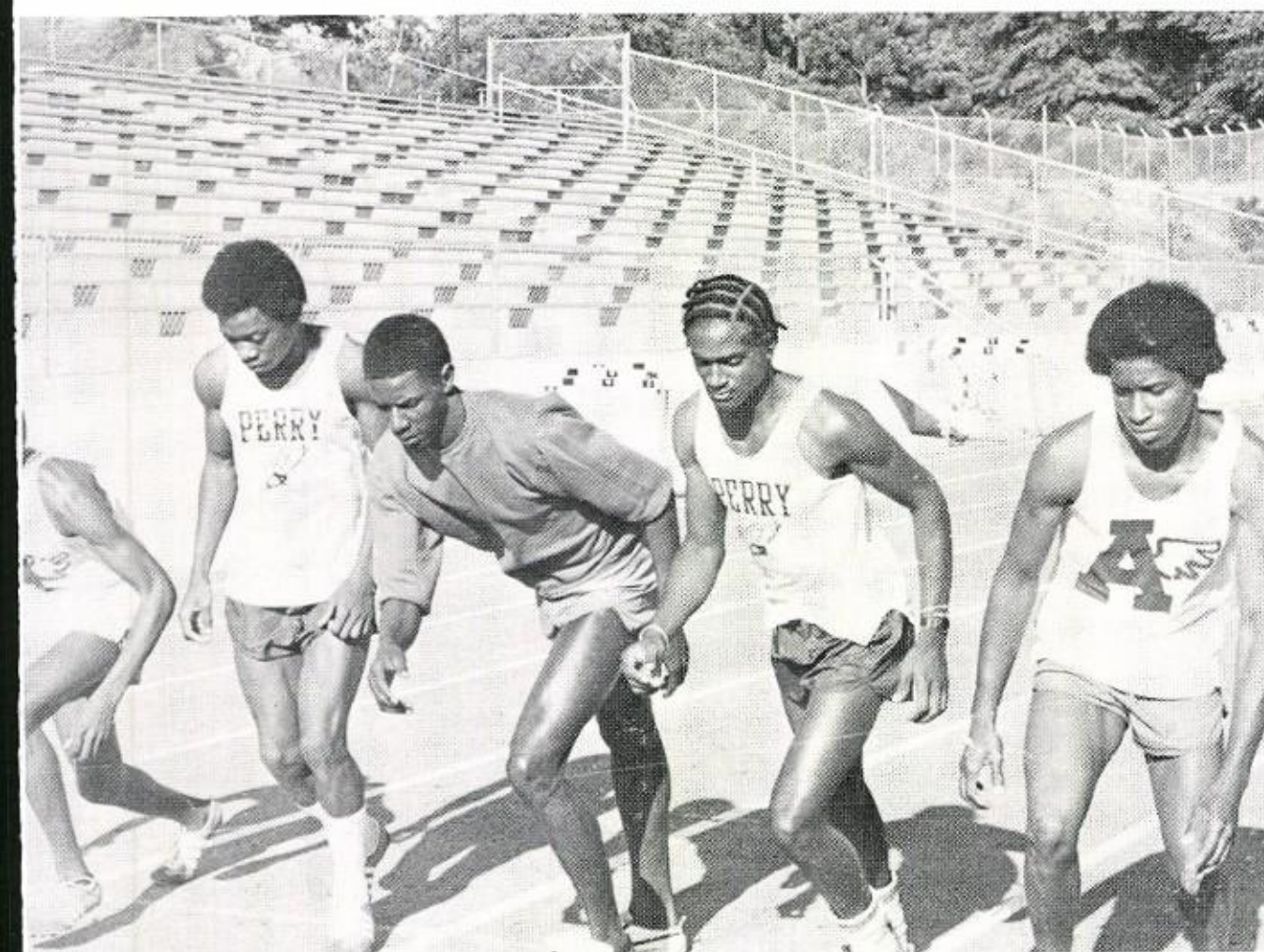
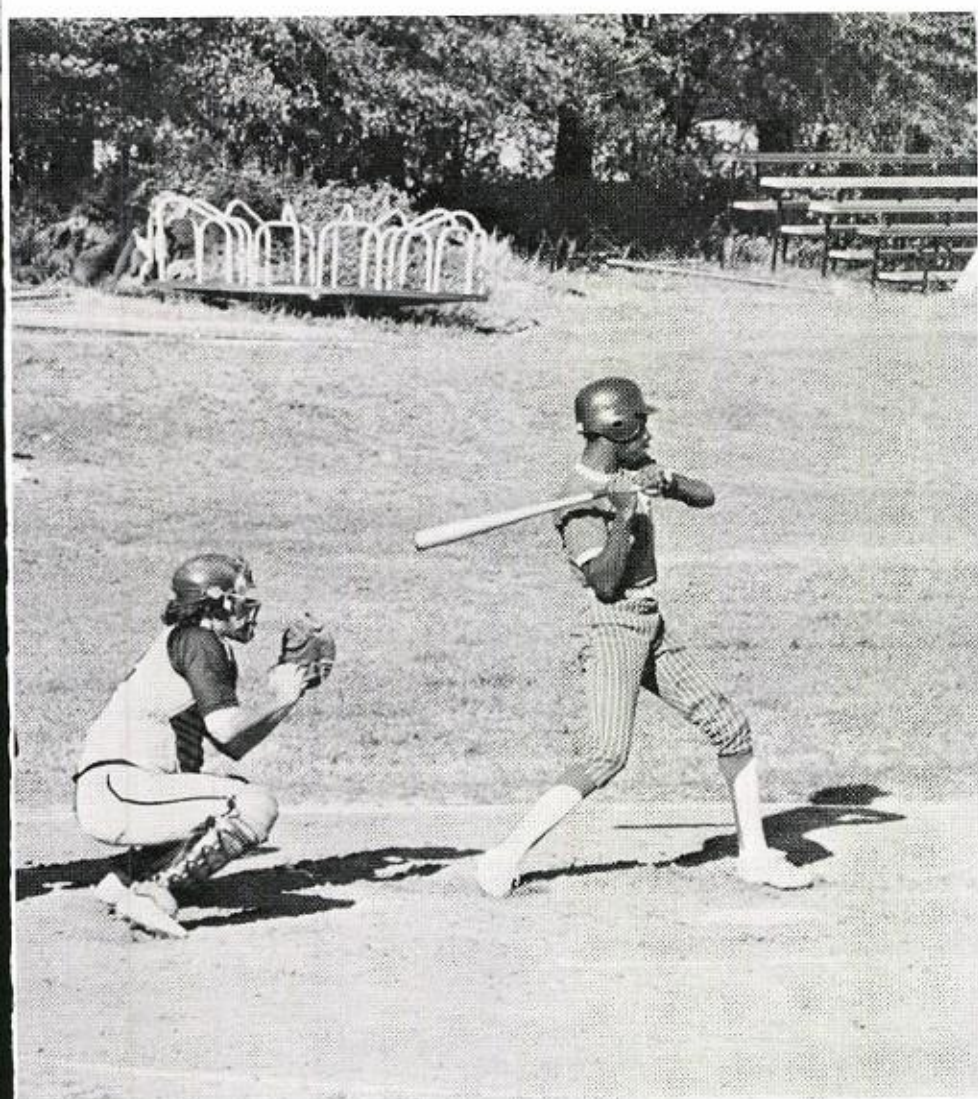
This is the first time in many years that Americus High has had a golf team. We hope that the tradition will continue for many years. Good luck to this years team.

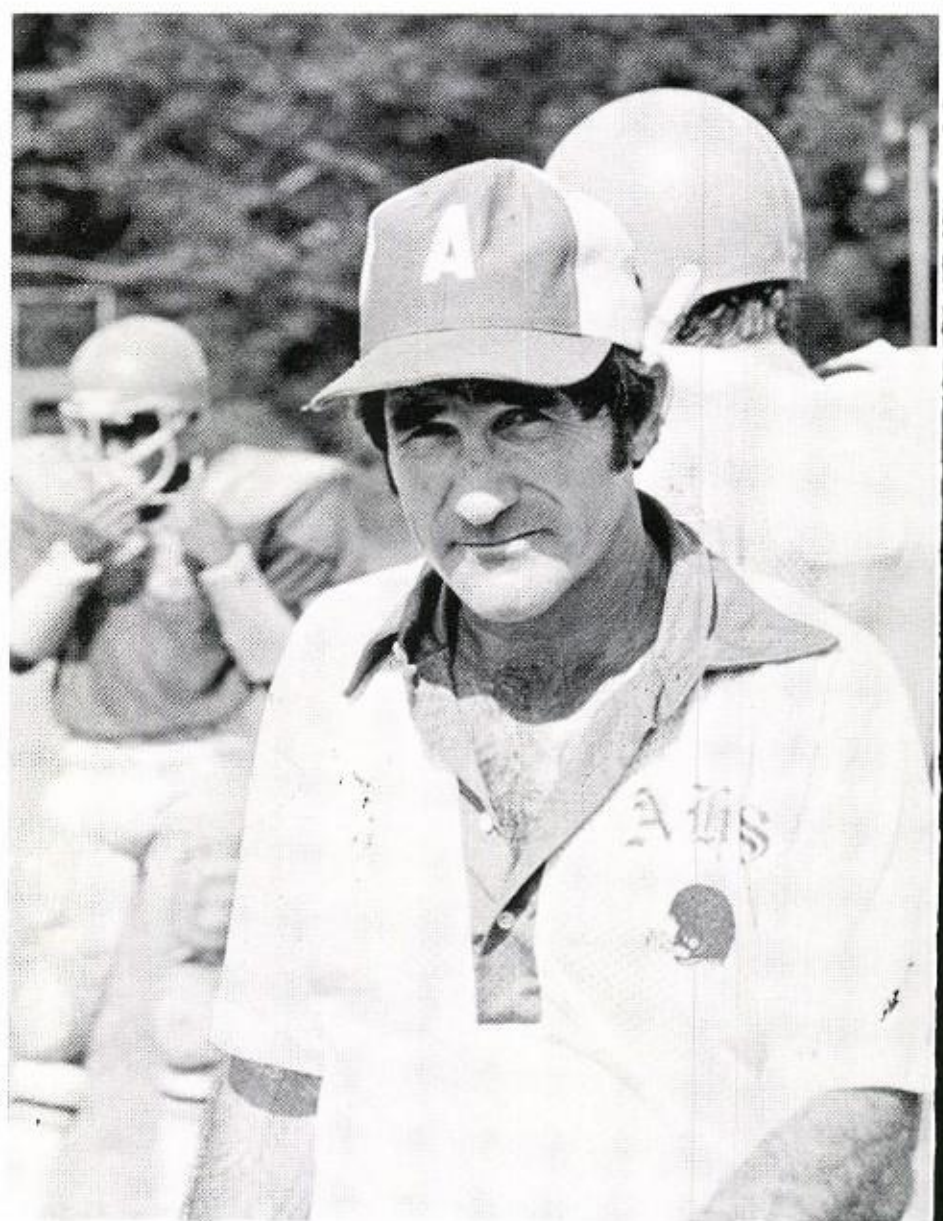
1977 TRACK CANDIDS



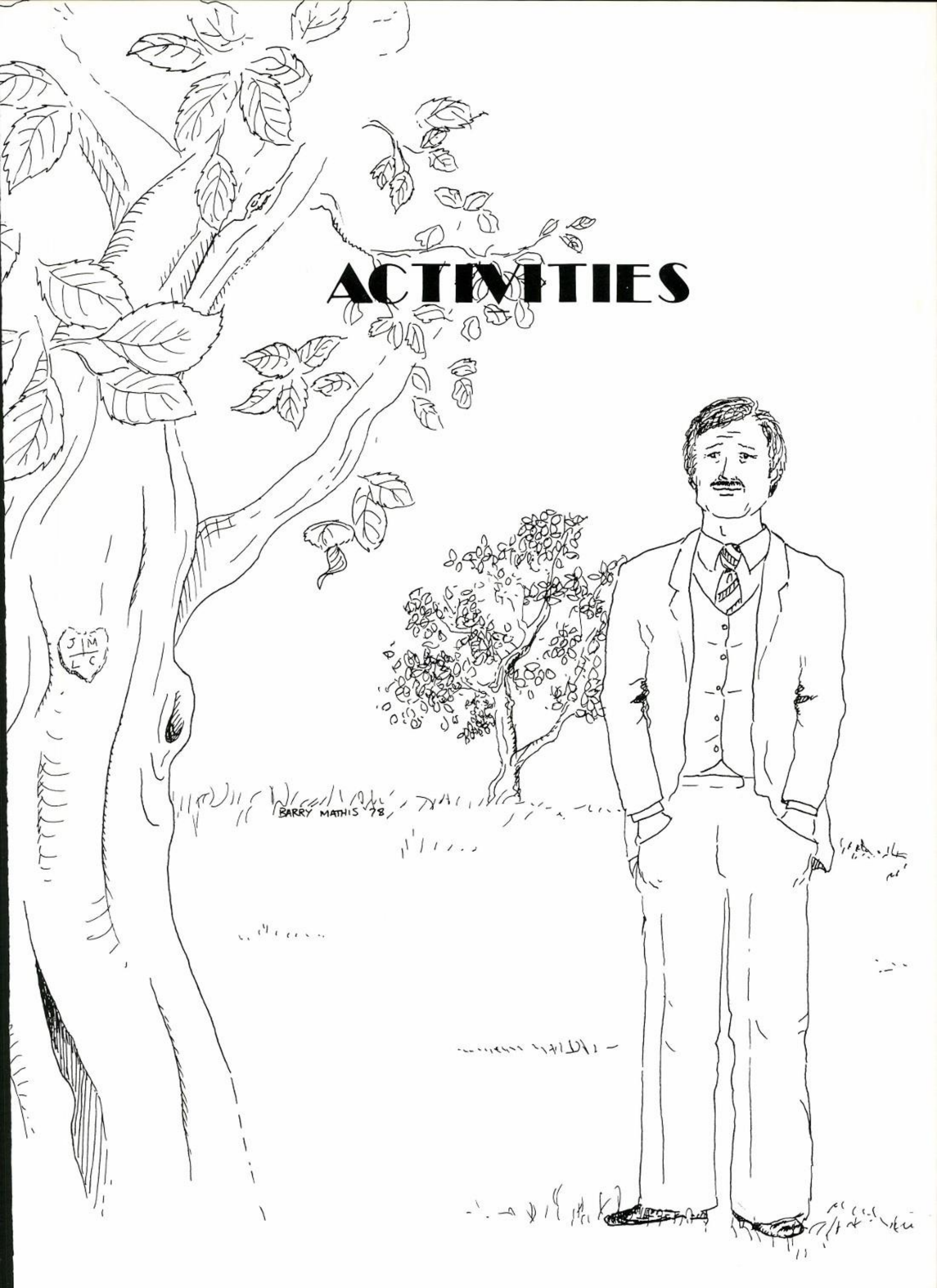






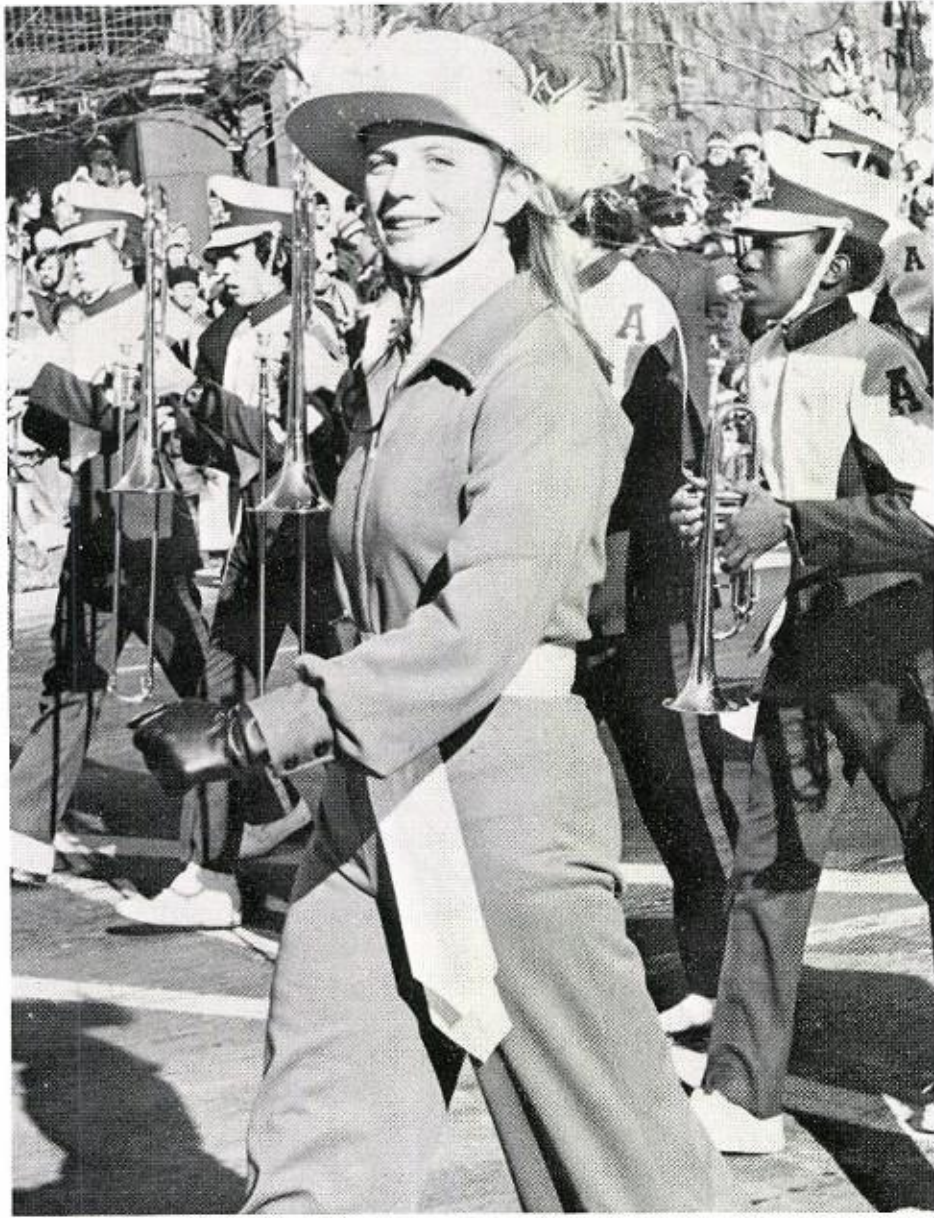


ACTIVITIES



ahs blue brigade





DRUM MAJOR
Tina Matkowsky

COLOR GUARD CAPTAIN
Ken Lamb

FEATURE TWIRLER
Lyn Sawyer



MAJORETTES

Lisa Howard—Captain
Debbie Frisbie
Reager Harper
Lisa Davis
Shagavia Myrick
Michelle Gatian
Karen Bryant
Tracy Rodgers





COLOR GUARD

Amy Morris
Pam Morris
Brenda Pless
Sharon Pless
Vicki Gray

FLUTES

Shagavia Myrick
Tracy Rodgers
Tammy Banks
Jerre Anne Williams



CLARINETS

Gene Smith
William Powell
Neal Fortner
Amla Wallace
Sylvia Helms
Judy Davis
Julie Smith
Sylvia London
Addie Owens





SAXOPHONES

Greg McKenney
John King
Ray Wilson
Jim Spradlin
Mandi Mathis
Kelsie Daniels
Jerry Smith
Gary Young



TRUMPETS

Jeff Finch
Sam King
Milton Myers
Tony Johnson
Jonathon Ballesteros

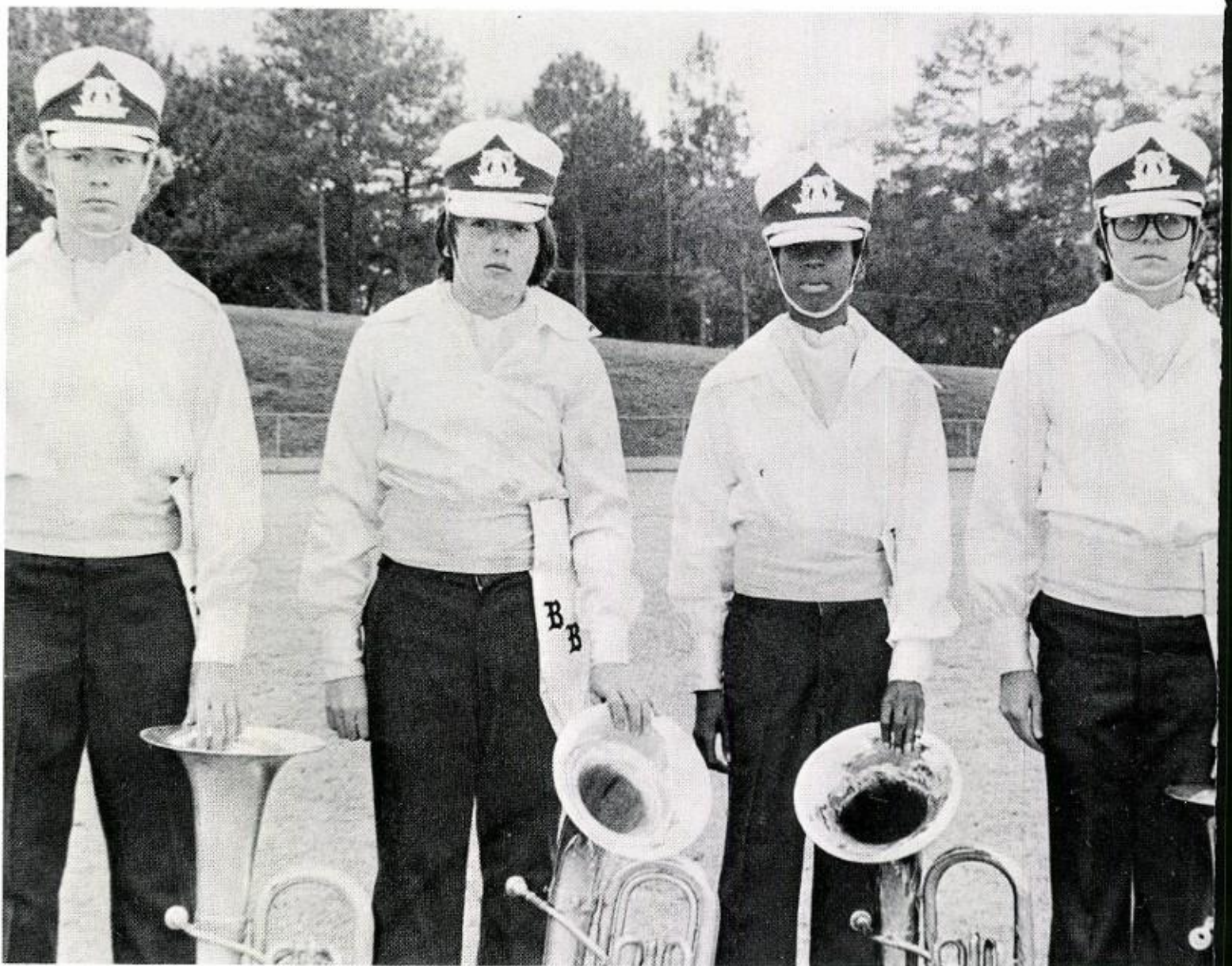
TROMBONES

Chris Spradlin
Blair Hallock
Kyle Jones
Mike Ryan
Creig Wilson
Greg Forrester



BARITONES

Jack Bush
Vic Morris
Michael Samos
Tommy Ursy





TUBAS

Grey Jackson
Horace Pless
Dennis Mitchel
Tommy Ursy



DRUMS

John Mitchell
Sissy Bowen
Randy Russell
Mark Bush
Glenn Maye
Hun Lee





HONORS



WHO'S WHO AMONG AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

These Juniors and Seniors have demonstrated leadership in Academics, Athletics, Community service, or Extra-curricular activities. Kathryn Anderson, Kathy Baringer, Sharon Bivins, Hugh Bowen, Bill Boys, Alphonso Brown, Timothy Brown, Wendell Bryant, Lee Otis Burton, Mark Bush, Tracy Clark, Daniel Colwell, David Colwell, Phyllis Combs, Kim Corcoran, Richie Culp, Amy Davis, John Davis, Merritt Davis, Sammy Davis, Walter Gibson, Gayle Greene, Vickie Harris, Tina Hernandez, Artis Johnson, Tony Johnson, Barbara Jones, Bonnie Jones, Emanuel King, John King, Charles Leverette, Susan Lyles, Kathy Martin, Barry Mathis, Michelle Mathis, Tina Matkowsky, Sharon McAfee, Tim McPherson, Ken Moates, Frank Myers, Claudia Rhyne, Cheryl Russell, Martha Seay, David Smith, Dwayne Stephens, Johnny Terry.



SOCIETY OF DISTINGUISHED AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Students in the Society of Distinguished American High School Students are recognized for distinction in Leadership, Scholarship, and Civic Contributions. This is the highest honor a high school student can obtain.

Sharon Akins, Kathryn Anderson, Chris Ballestracci, Kathy Baringer, Deborah Battle, Amelia Bell, Rob Braswell, Brenda Calloway, Joelyn Cannon, Tracy Clark, Phyllis Combs, Richie Culp, Amy Davis, Judy Davis, Merritt Davis, Cassandra Denson, Sherryl Ewing, Tammie Fortner, Debbie Frisbie, Susan Gibbs, Gayle Greene, Tina Hernandez, Lisa Howard, Pat Johnson, Tony Johnson, Barbara Jones, John King, Susan Lyles, Larry MacQuirter, Kathy Martin, Barry Mathis, Mandi Mathis, Tina Matkowsky, Ken Moates, Sandra Palamiotis, Ella Patrick, Shirley Pless, William Powell, Meredith Reese, Claudia Rhyne, James Royal, Cherryl Russell, Martha Seay, Johnny Terry, Cheryl Turner, Mark Tyler, Sally Tyler, James Walker.

WHO'S WHO IN AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC

"Who's Who In Music" is an affiliate of "Who's Who In American High Schools, Colleges, and Universities." Students chosen are among the country's most outstanding high school music students. Selection is based on music ability, academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities, and future potential.

Mark Bush
Lyn Sawyer
Christie Ryan
Hugh Bowen
Tony Johnson
Gayle Greene
Kim Corcoran
Sharon McAfee
Dale Farmer

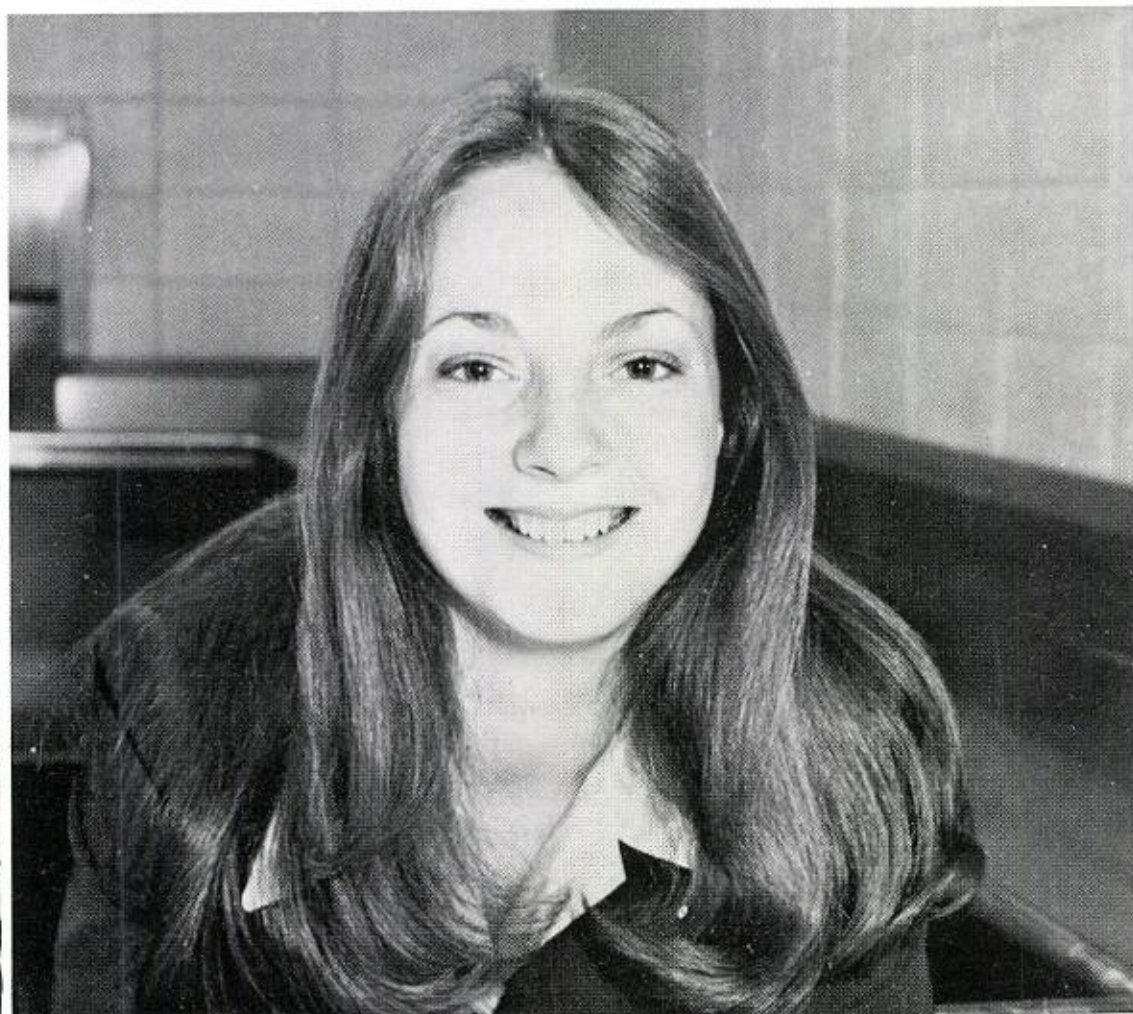


UGA CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Myles Ballestracci, Kathy Baringer, Tracy Clark, Sherryl Ewing, Susan Gibbs, Gayle Greene, Tina Hernandez, Tony Johnson, Larry MacQuirter, Barry Mathis, Claudia Rhyne, Christie Ryan, Wayne Swilley, Johnny Terry.

The University of Georgia Certificate of Merit recognizes students in the upper five percent of the Junior Class. It is sponsored by the University of Georgia and the state of Georgia.





DAR GOOD CITIZEN AWARD

Gayle Greene

The D. A. R. Good Citizen Award is presented annually to a high school senior for Dependability, Leadership, Service and Patriotism.



EARLY ADMISSIONS

Lynn Sawyer
Tony Johnson
Tina Hernandez
Myles Ballestracci
Mark Bush
Tracy Clark
Sherryl Ewing
Gayle Greene

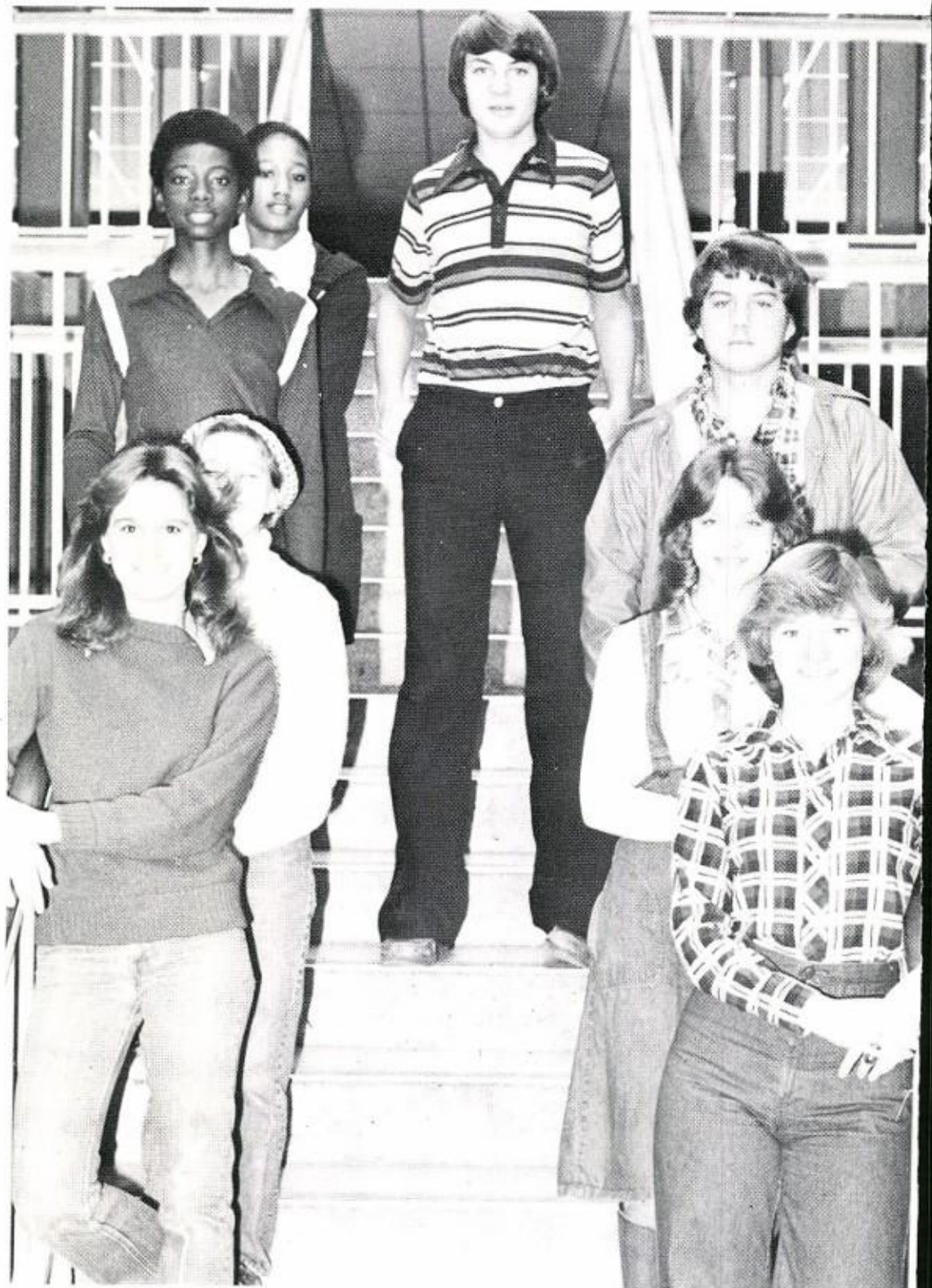
This program gives an opportunity for academically superior high school seniors to enroll for college credit before completing the normal high school study program.



GOVERNOR'S HONORS PROGRAM

Cathy Hudson
Ken Moates
John King
Richie Culp
Susan Lyles
Beth Thomas
Sadie McLeod
Debbie Frisbie

This program offers a period of stay during the summer following the school year for gifted juniors and seniors and presents them with challenges over those of the normal school term.



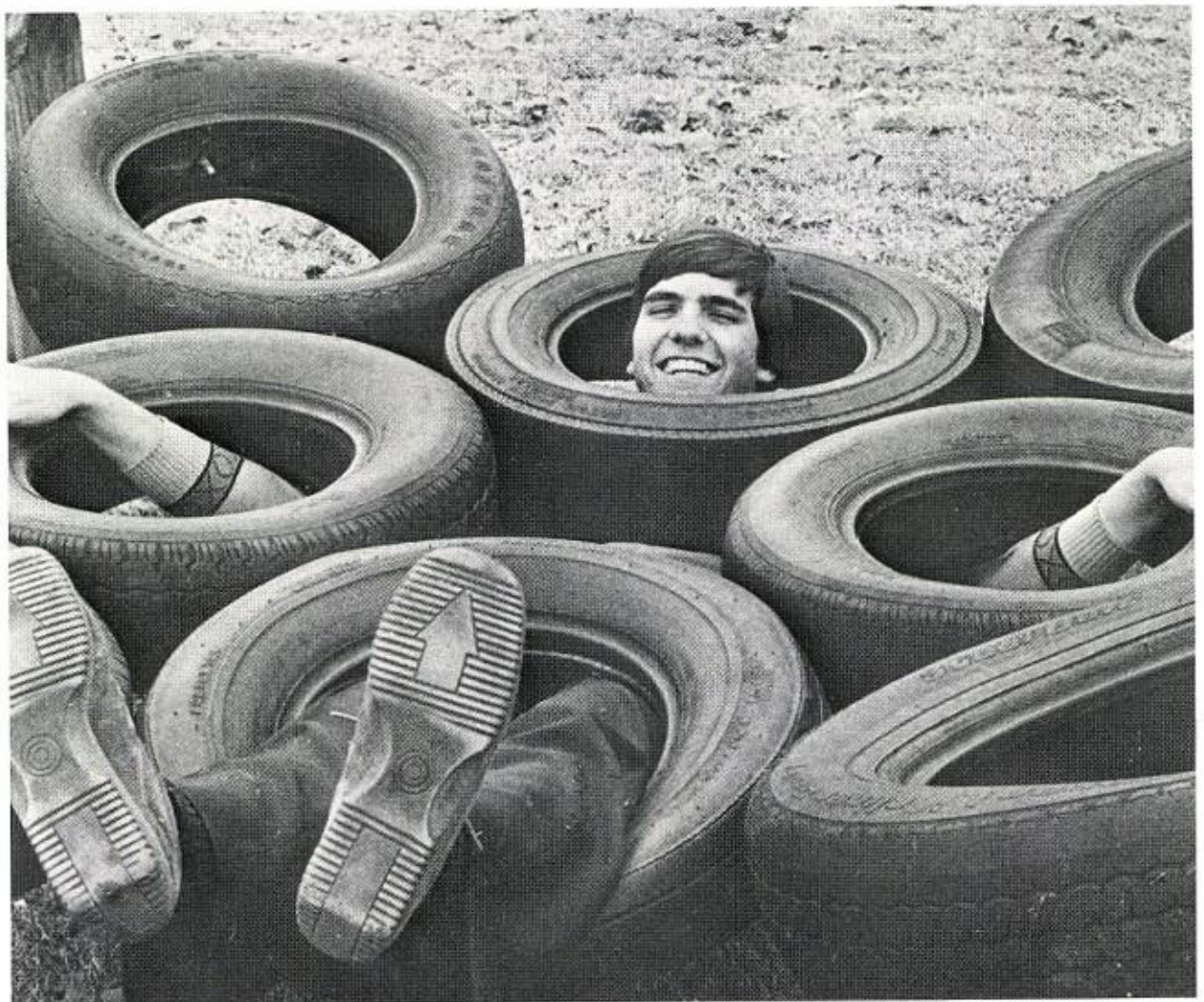
CLUBS



STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

The purpose of SGA is to provide communication between the students and the administration.

Pres. Frank Myers
V. Pres. Lee Holman
Treas. Michelle Mathis
Sec. Valencia Bryant
Asst. Sec. James Royal
Advisor Teresa Mansfield



FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA

The purpose of FHA is to promote further interest in Home Economics.

Pres. Veronica Terry
V. Pres. Carmen Lundy
Sec. Shagavia Myrick
Treas. Brenda Pless
Advisors—Rachel White and
Kathy Chester



BETA CLUB

The Beta Club rewards meritorious achievements and promotes leadership, service, and honesty.

Pres. Barry Mathis
V. Pres. Merritt Davis
Sec. Jackie Snipes
Treas. James Royal
Advisor—Janice Shelnett





DEBATE

First Affirmative—
Sandra Palamiotis
Second Affirmative—
Tammy Fortner
First Negative—
Sally Tyler
Second Negative—
Amelia Bell
Advisor—Mrs. Fennessy

DISTRIBUTIVE EDUCATION CLUBS OF AMERICA

DECA is a program of cooperation between the business community of Americus and Americus High School. DECA provides the student with both theoretical and practical job training. Pres. Wayne Swilley, Sr. V. Pres. Rosemary Jones, Jr. V. Pres. Cathy Hudson, Sec. Sharon McAfee, Treas. Susan Sawyer, Advisor—Lance Johnson.



VICA CLUB

Vocational
Industrial Clubs
of America
Pres. Dennis Banks
V. Pres. Lisa Player
Sec. Valerie Jones
Treas. Kaye Rainwater
Advisor—
Leonard Banks



ANCHOR CLUB

President—
Stacy Stowe
Vice-Presidents—
Sherryl Ewing
Cindy Fussell
Advisor—
Susan Parker



ANCHOR SWEETHEARTS

Hamer Abell
Doug Parrish, Jr.
Andy Fowler





VOT

VOT prepares students for full time employment in office occupations through a cooperative work-training program.

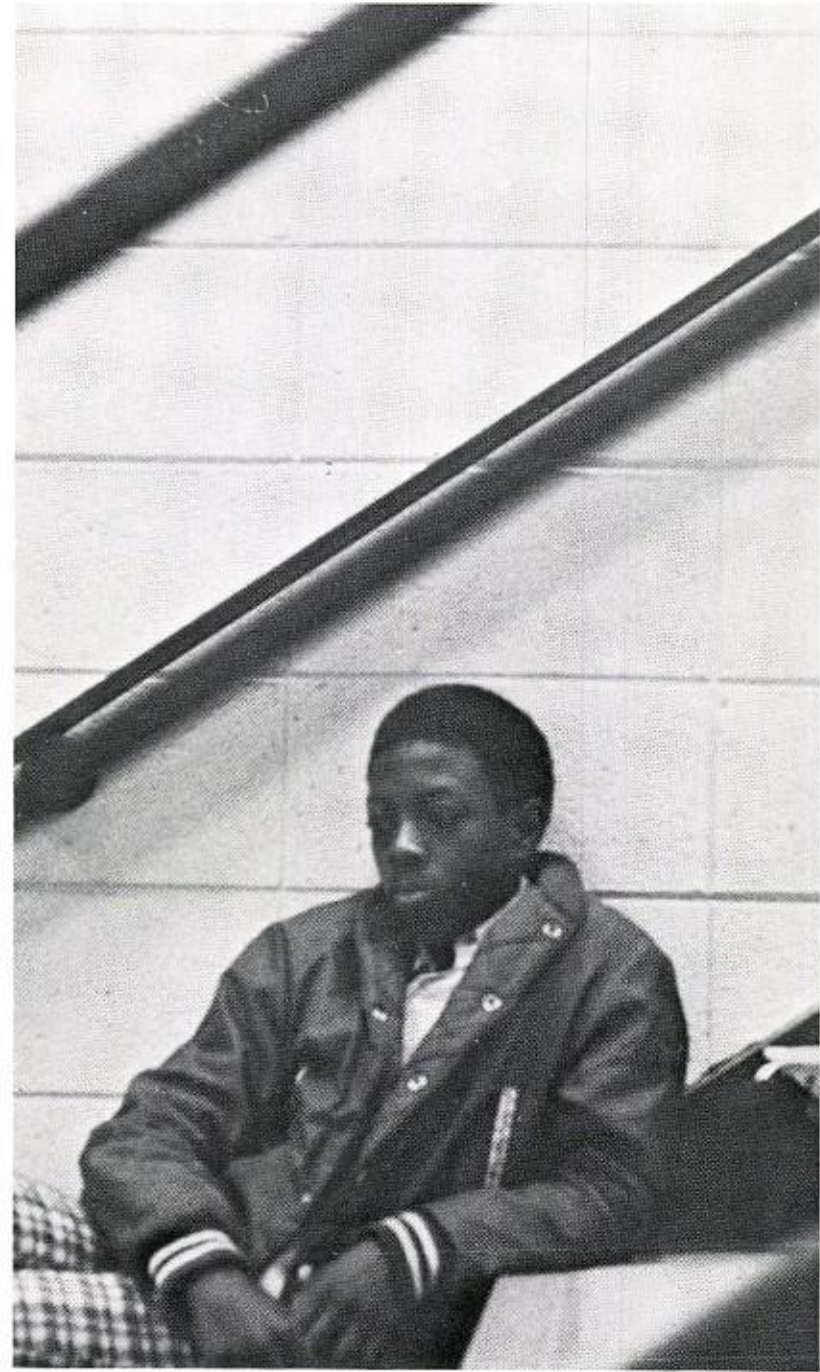
Advisor—
Shirley Martin

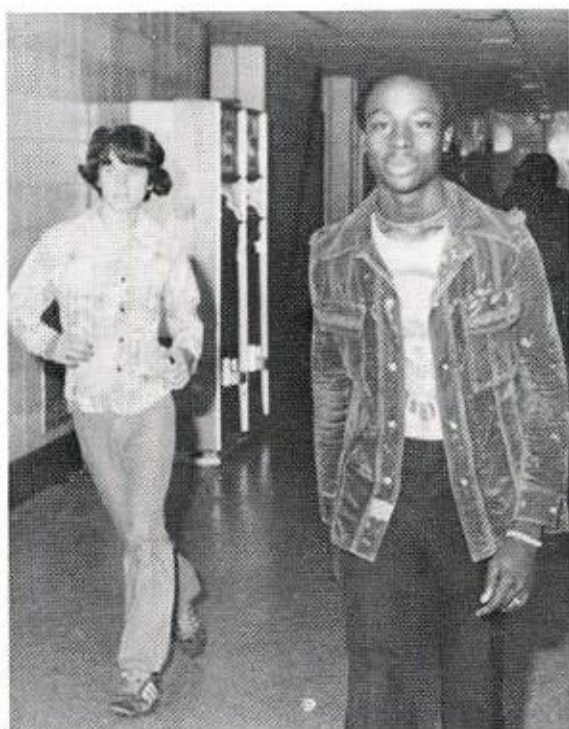
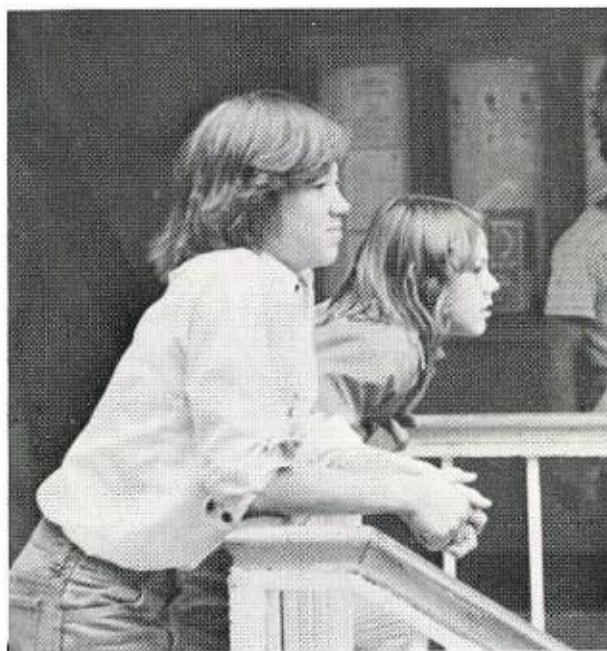
FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA

FBLA is designed to promote sound business principles and better understanding of the responsibilities of business and professional persons.

Pres. Sherrin Williams, V. Pres. Shirley Pless, Sec. Sabrina Davis, Asst. Sec. Leisha Ware, Treas. Jacquelyn Walker, Advisor—Edith Green.









"What do you want to be when you grow up?
... A lady's man? An athlete? ... How about a dance
instructor?"

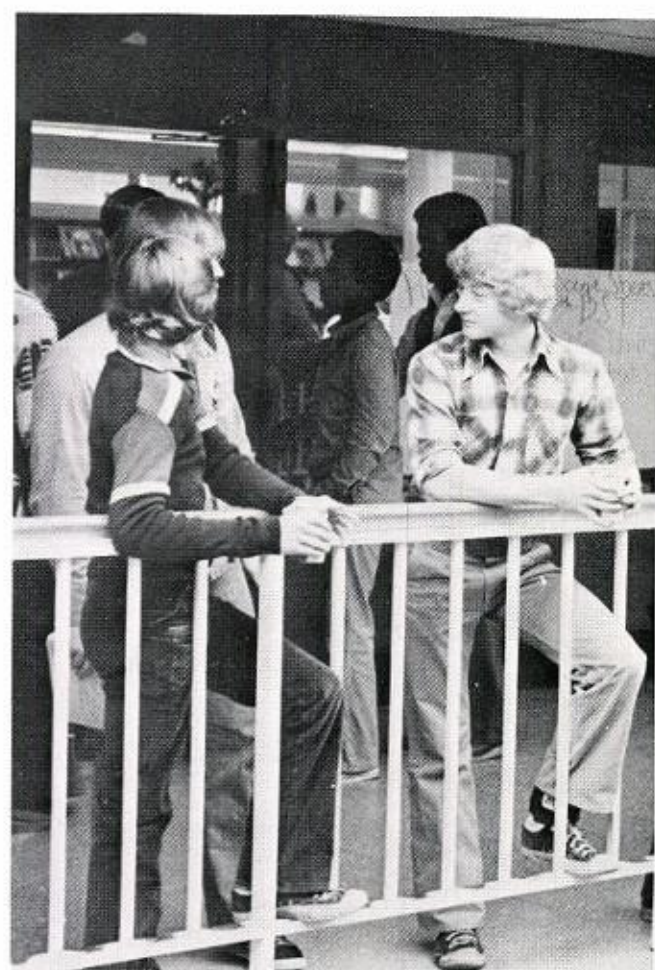
"Nope."

"Well then what about a talker ... or a listener?"

"Nope"

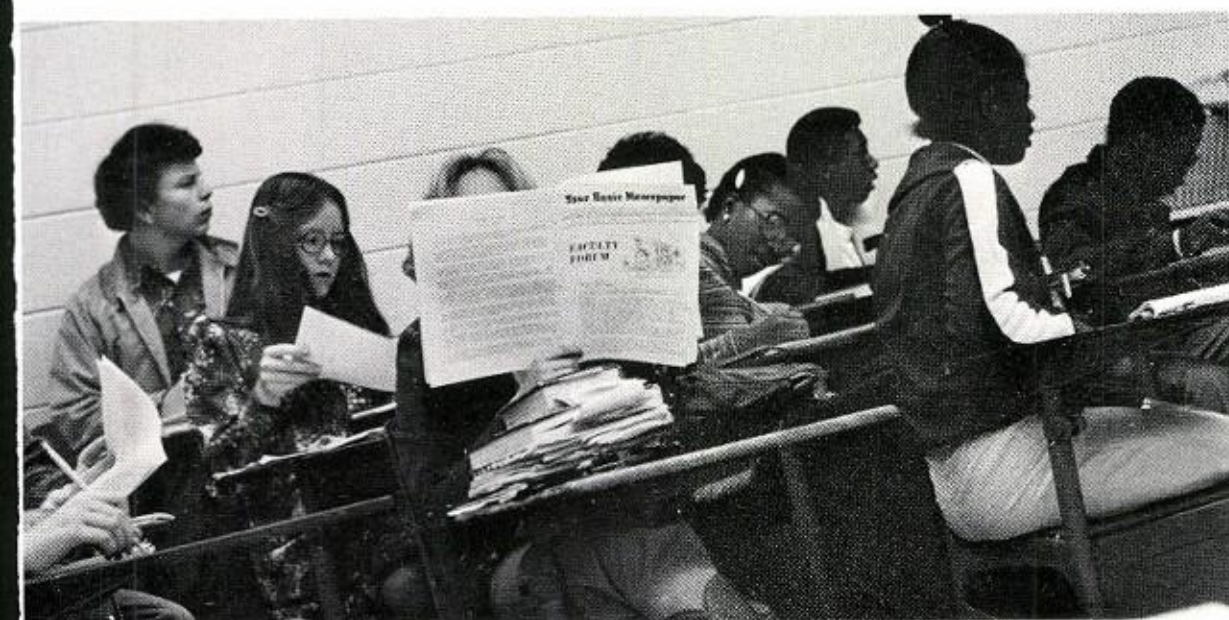
"Surely you don't want to be a teacher—who
spills coffee and tests toilet paper on the side."

"Nope."





"Perhaps a thinker, a watcher . . . or a reader?"
 "Nope."
 "Maybe a jumper, a loner . . . or an eater?"
 "Nope."
 "Well, what do you want to be?"
 "A smiler."



CHORUS



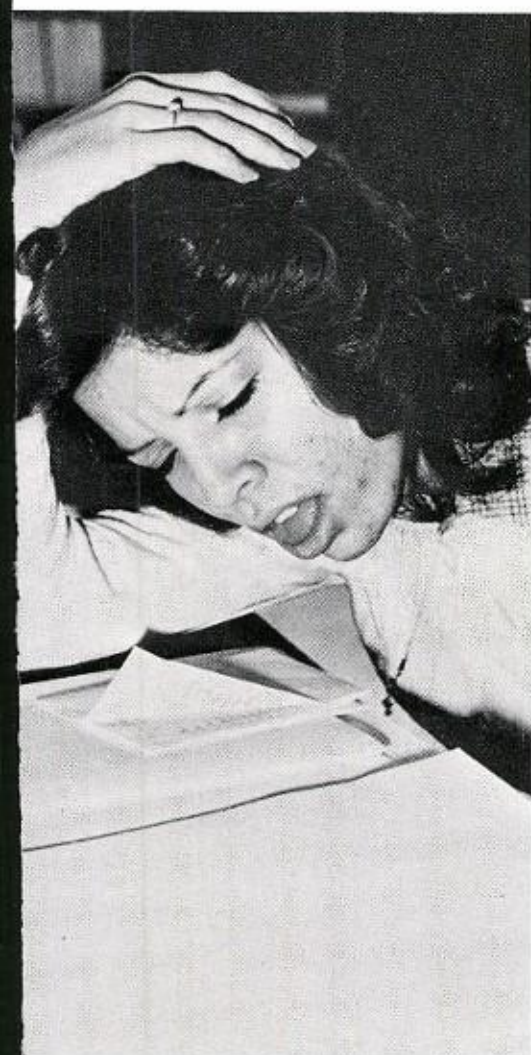
President—
Gayle Greene
Vice President—
Hugh Bowen
Sec. Treas.—
Lyn Sawyer
Scrapbook—
Christie Ryan
Kim Corcoran





SECTION LEADERS

Soprano—
Gayle Greene
Alto—
Sharon McAfee
Tenor—
Mark Bush
Bass—
William Powell



AHS SINGERS



Organized in 1976, the Americus High School Singers adds a new dimension to the choral music spectrum—that of the show choir. Although this is only its second year of existence, the group has fast become one which is in constant demand.

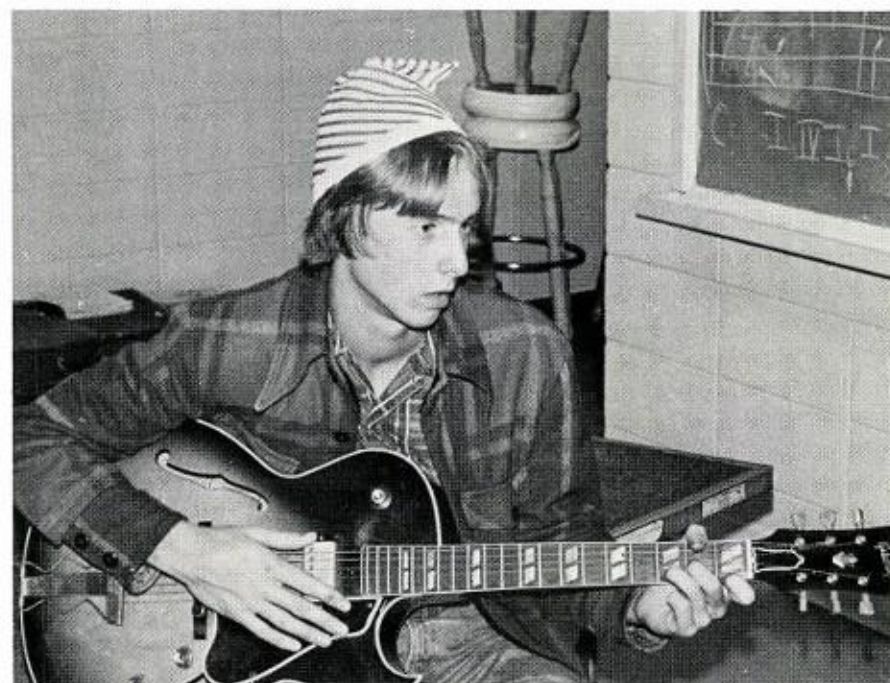
Goodwill ambassadors from Americus High School, the ensemble has performed for civic clubs, shopping centers, school and community functions, churches, television, and also sang for the US Attorney General, Griffin Bell.

The Singers are under the direction of Dale Farmer, who received his MED in Music from Auburn University.





President—
Bill Boys
Vice President—
Kim Corcoran
Secretary—
Lyn Sawyer
Treasurer—
Debbie Frisbie





Superlatives

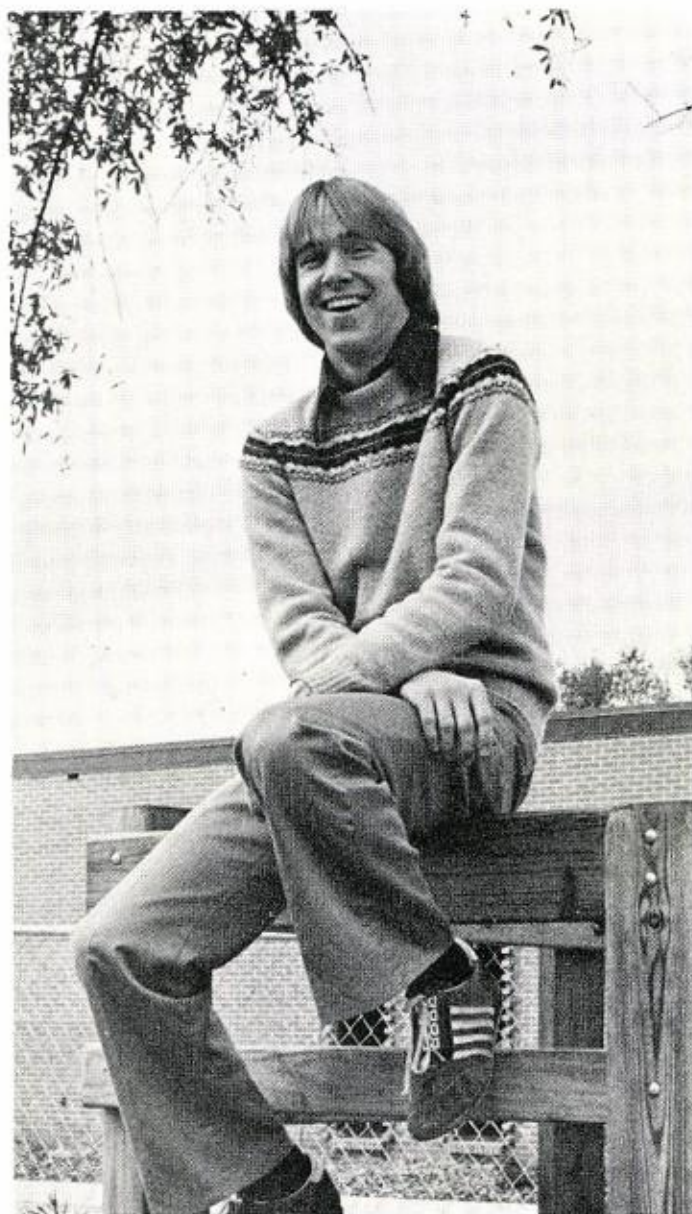
The following students were nominated by their teachers and voted for by fellow students to represent Americus High School as Senior Superlatives. The honor is considered one of the highest an A. H. S. student can be awarded. These students displayed excellent scholarship, athletic ability, or attitudes toward their peers and teachers throughout the school year.



Kathryn Anderson



Robert Blount



Bill Boys



Valencia Bryant



Lee Otis Burton



Tracy Clark



Phyllis Comb



John Davis



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Frank Goodin



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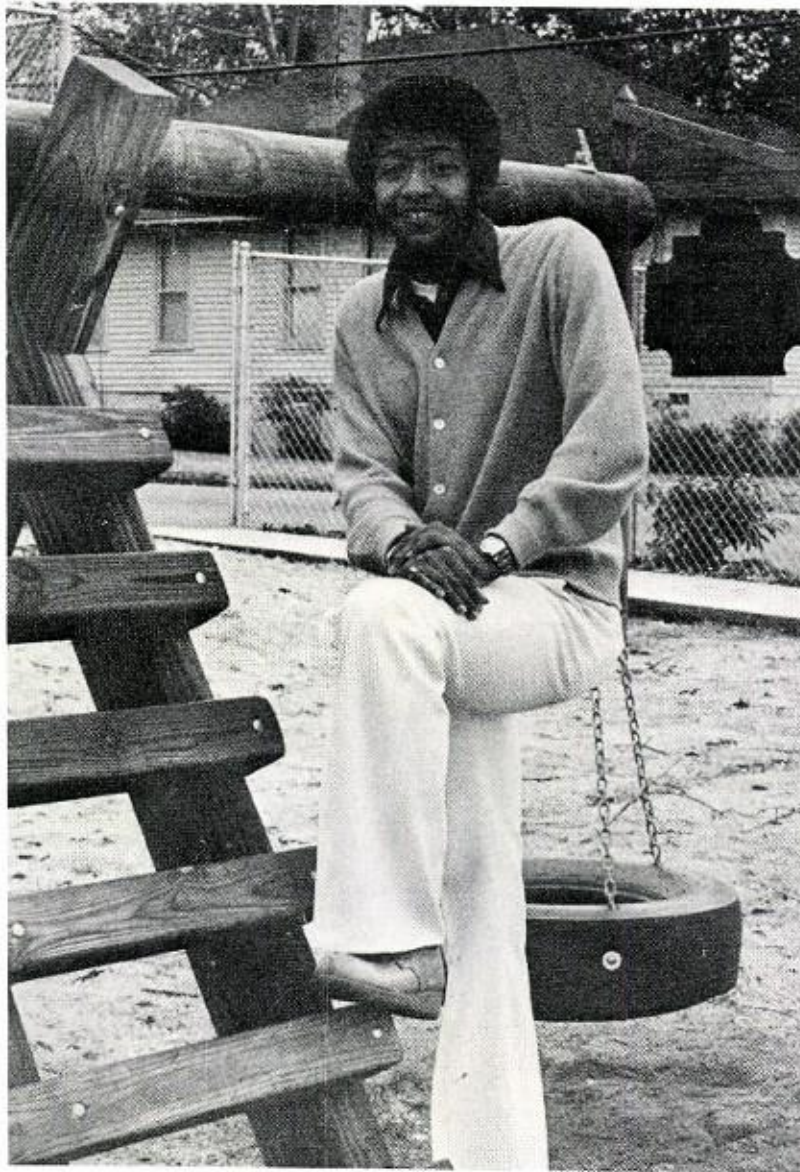
Charles Leverette



Frank Myers



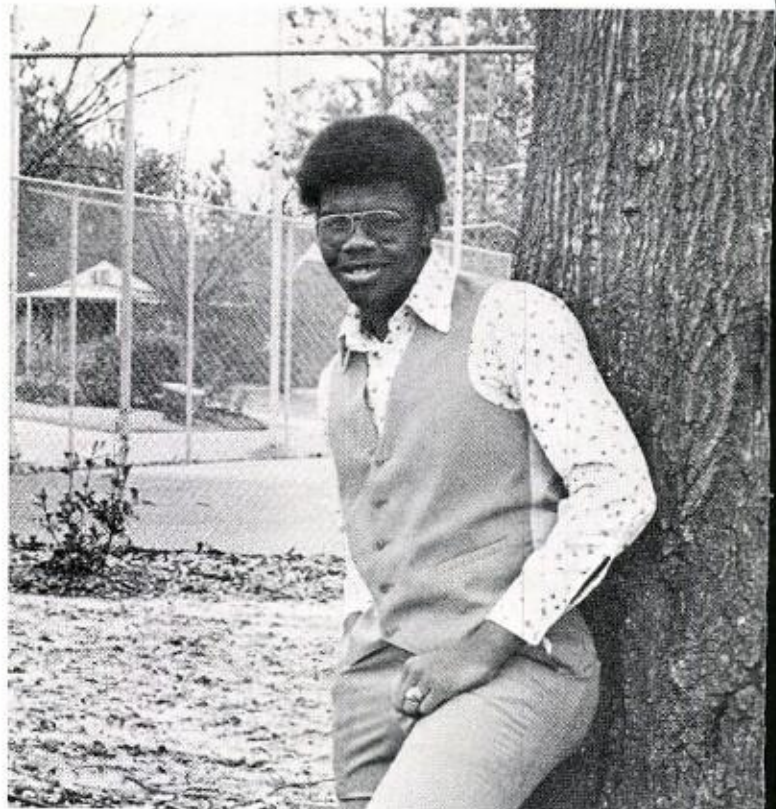
Jeanette Payne



Kelvin Raven



Christie Ryan



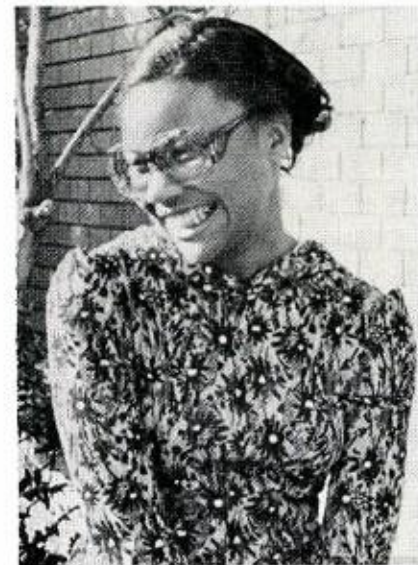
Johnny Terry

MR. AND MISS AHS



Phyllis Combs

John Davis

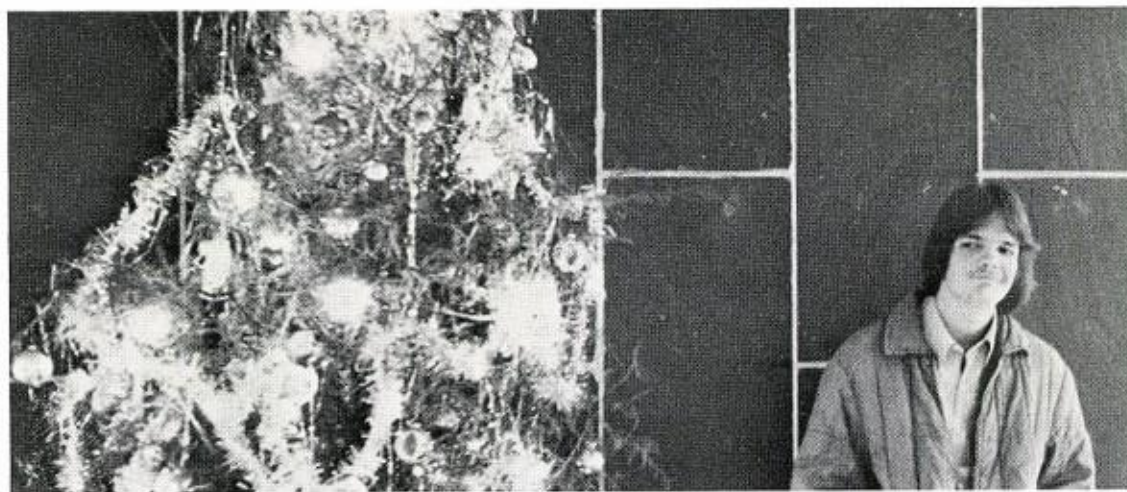
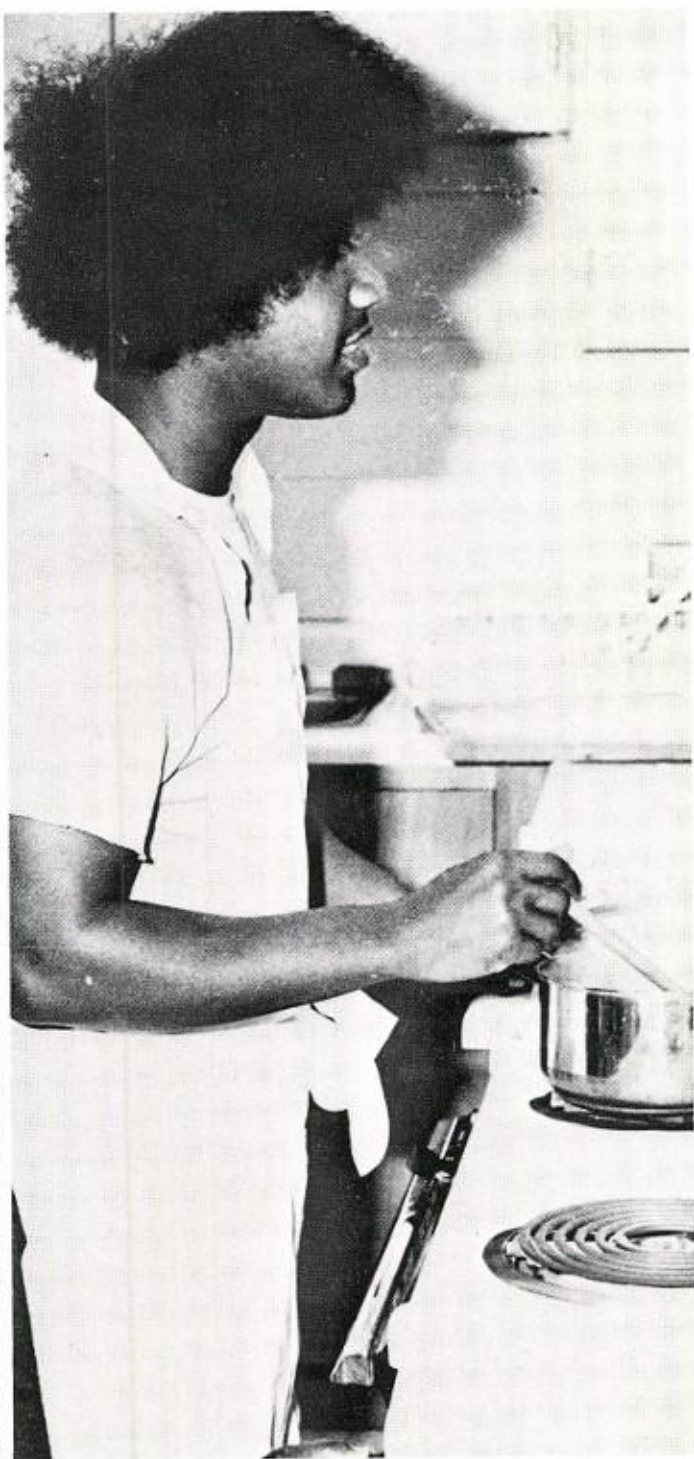




School—In many minds the word conjures up images of rising early, sitting through hours of boring classes, and returning home exhausted, only to set the alarm for the next day.

At Americus High, however, one may be surprised at the feelings of pride and spirit that seem to dictate every meeting, ballgame, and gathering. Students can be observed arriving at school early to participate in the morning gossip in the lobby, and lingering in the parking lot a few minutes after the 3:00 bell to socialize before going home.

Neither students nor faculty seem to be caught up in the daily rush common to most schools. Perhaps it's the climate—but maybe—somewhere between all the classes, books, bells, and bustle, someone has injected the patience, time, thought, and caring necessary to create the atmosphere found at Americus High.



ADVERTIZEMENTS



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LOTT'S SELF SERVICE SHELL STATION

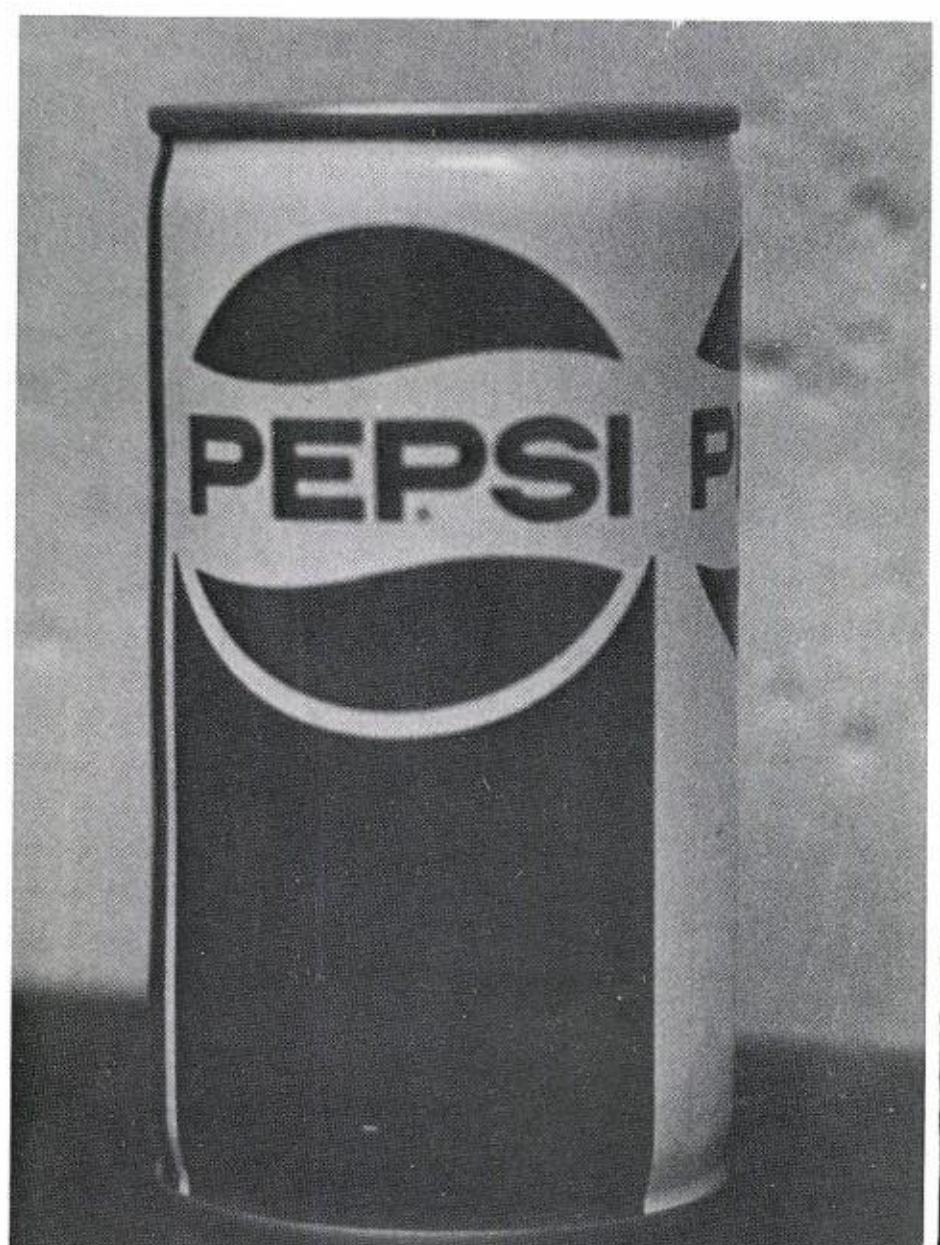
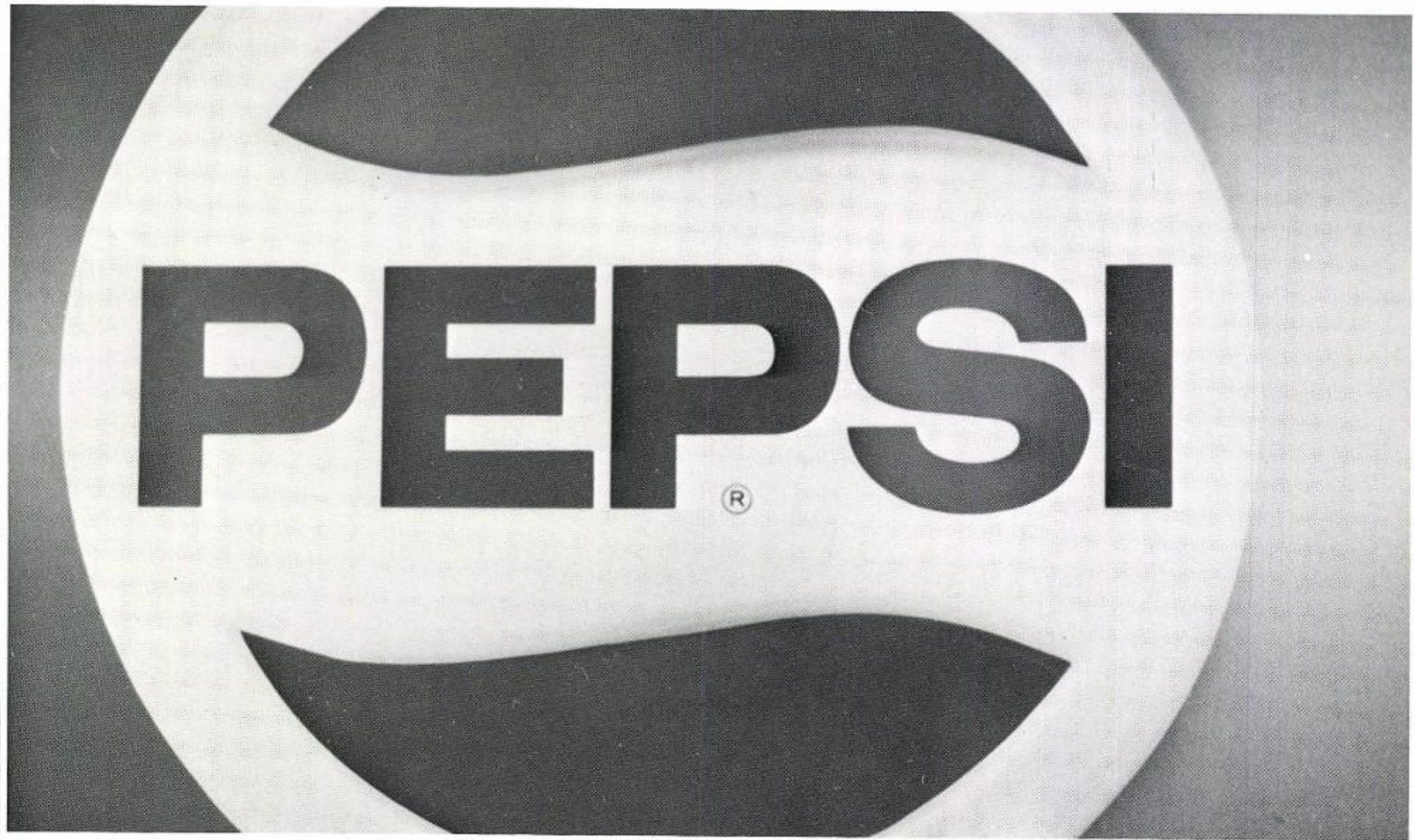
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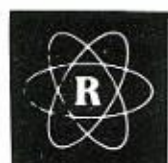


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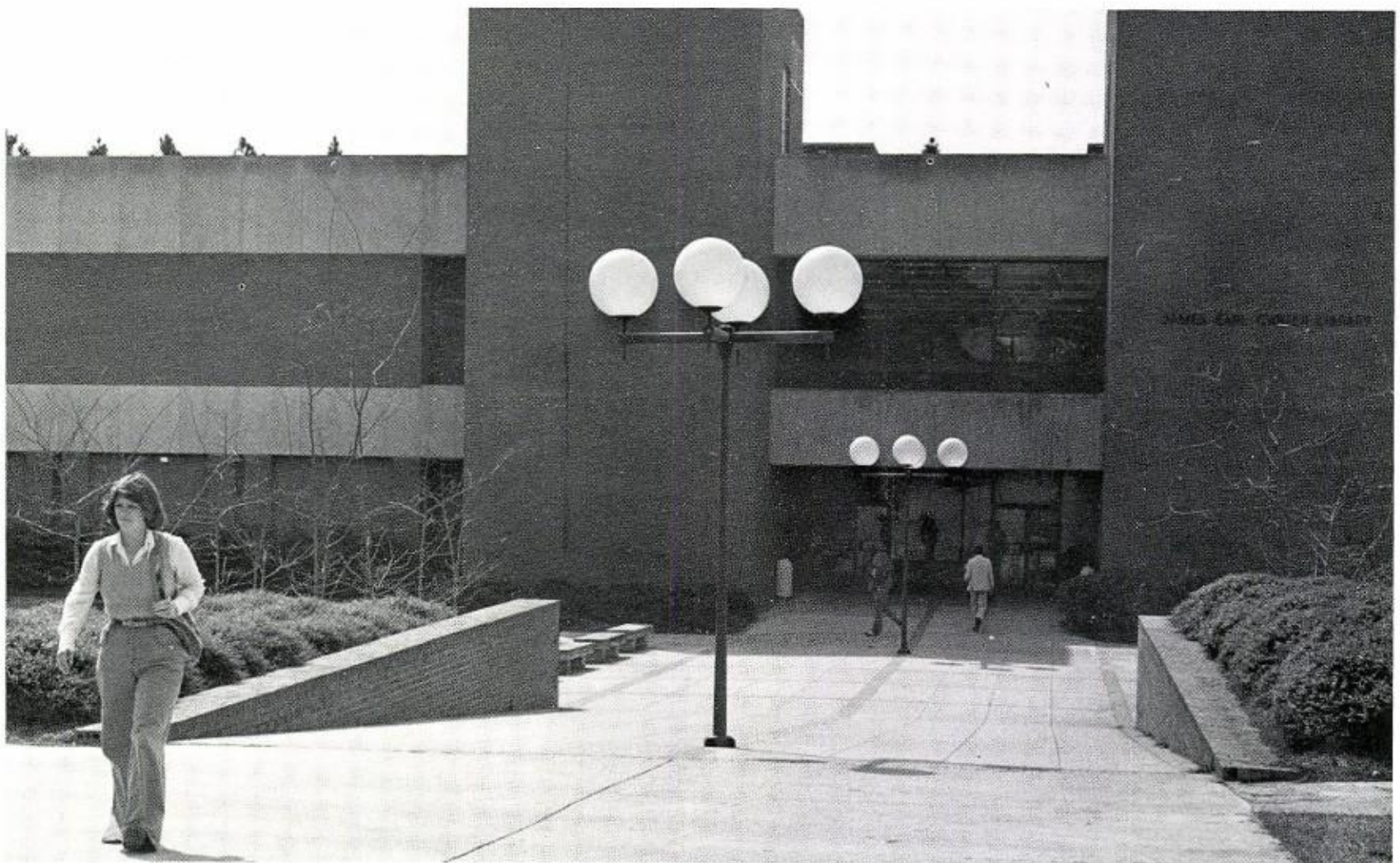
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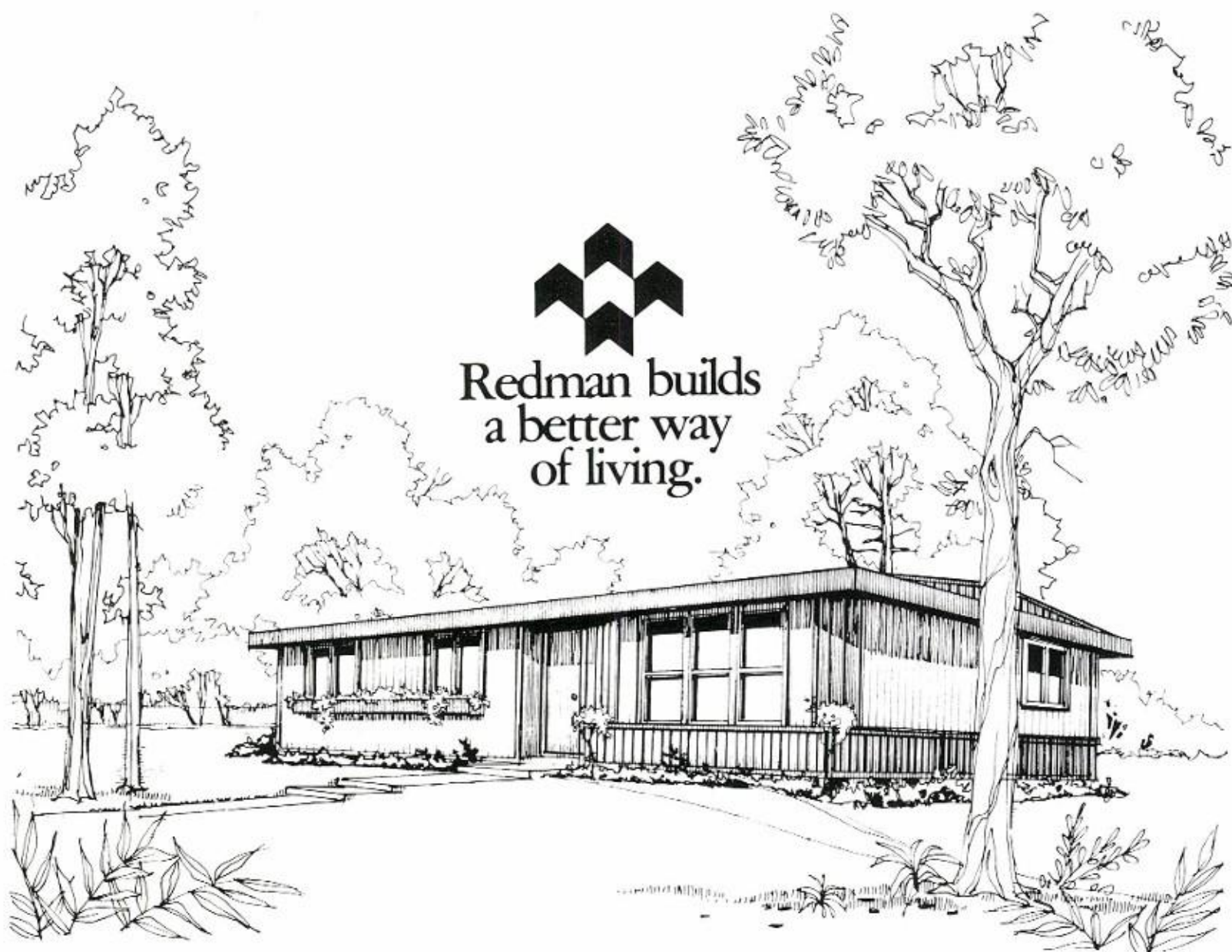


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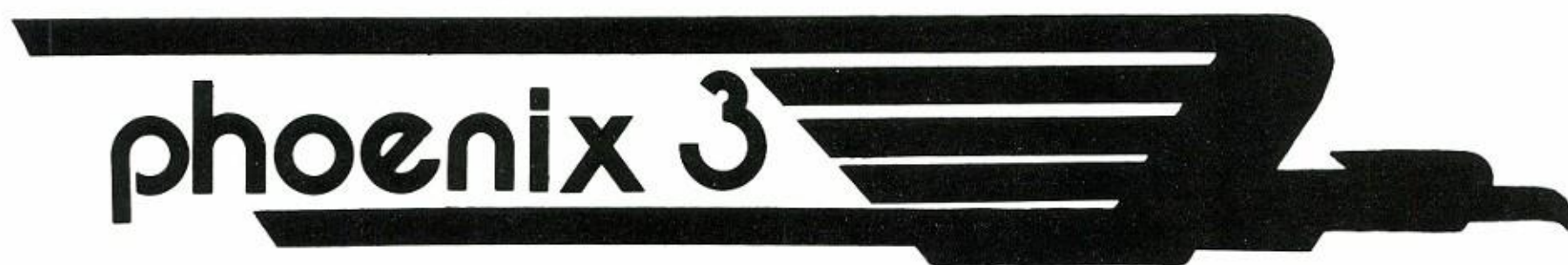
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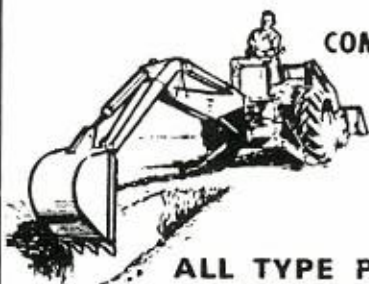
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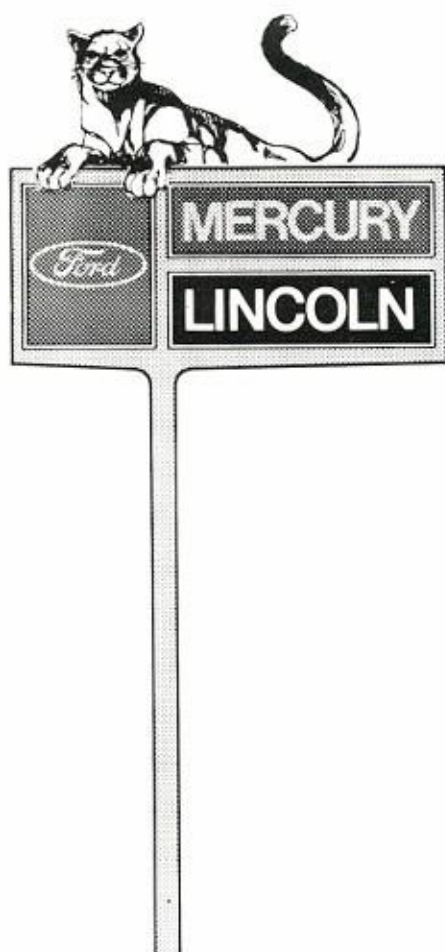
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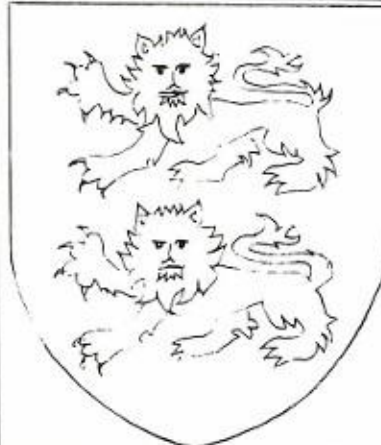
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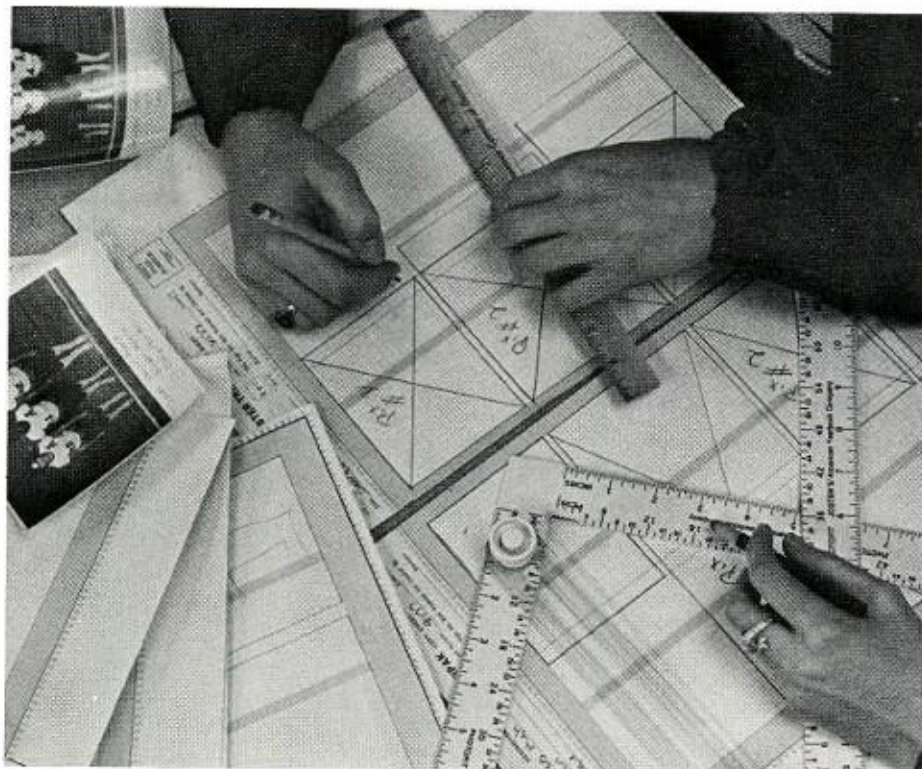
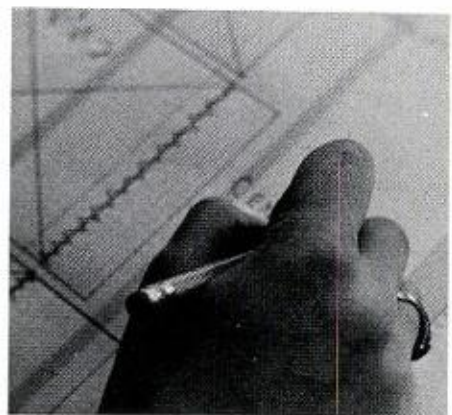
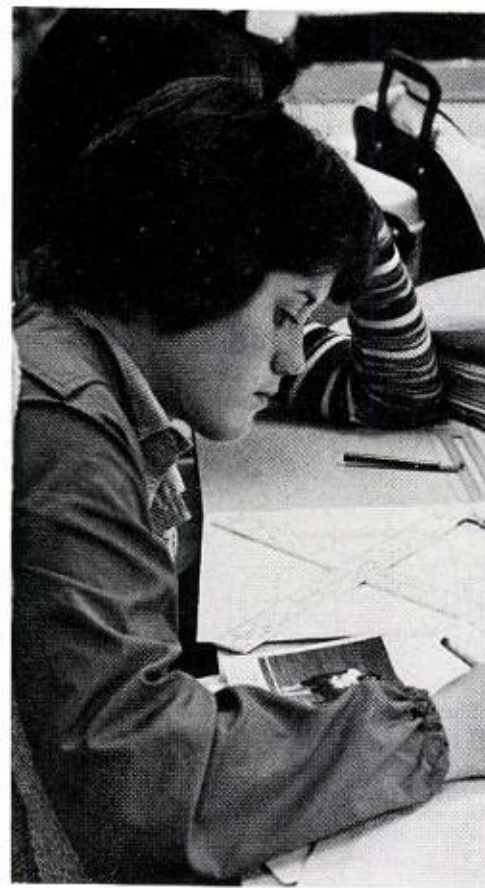
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Putting together this yearbook has not been an easy task. In doing so, we of the yearbook staff hoped to show how our school has grown and how each of us have grown with it.

As members of the yearbook staff, we have grown much in the past year—not only in learning about the development of a yearbook, but also by sharing our experiences and becoming associated with new people.

We began as two distinct groups. One was experienced and considered “old hands” at yearbook. The other was inexperienced and totally new to the creation of a high school annual. We have come to know each other well and have all learned from each other (not always about yearbook).

Perhaps doubtful at first, most of us are now confident that the environment at A. H. S. is definitely conducive to growth. Growth in a positive direction. All the elements are here to promote our growth toward one goal: tomorrow and the future.

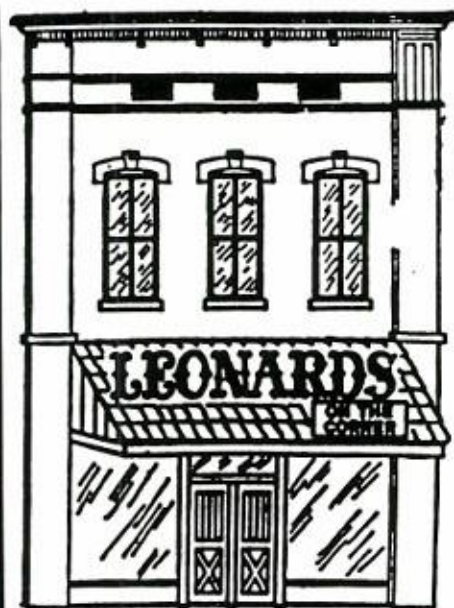


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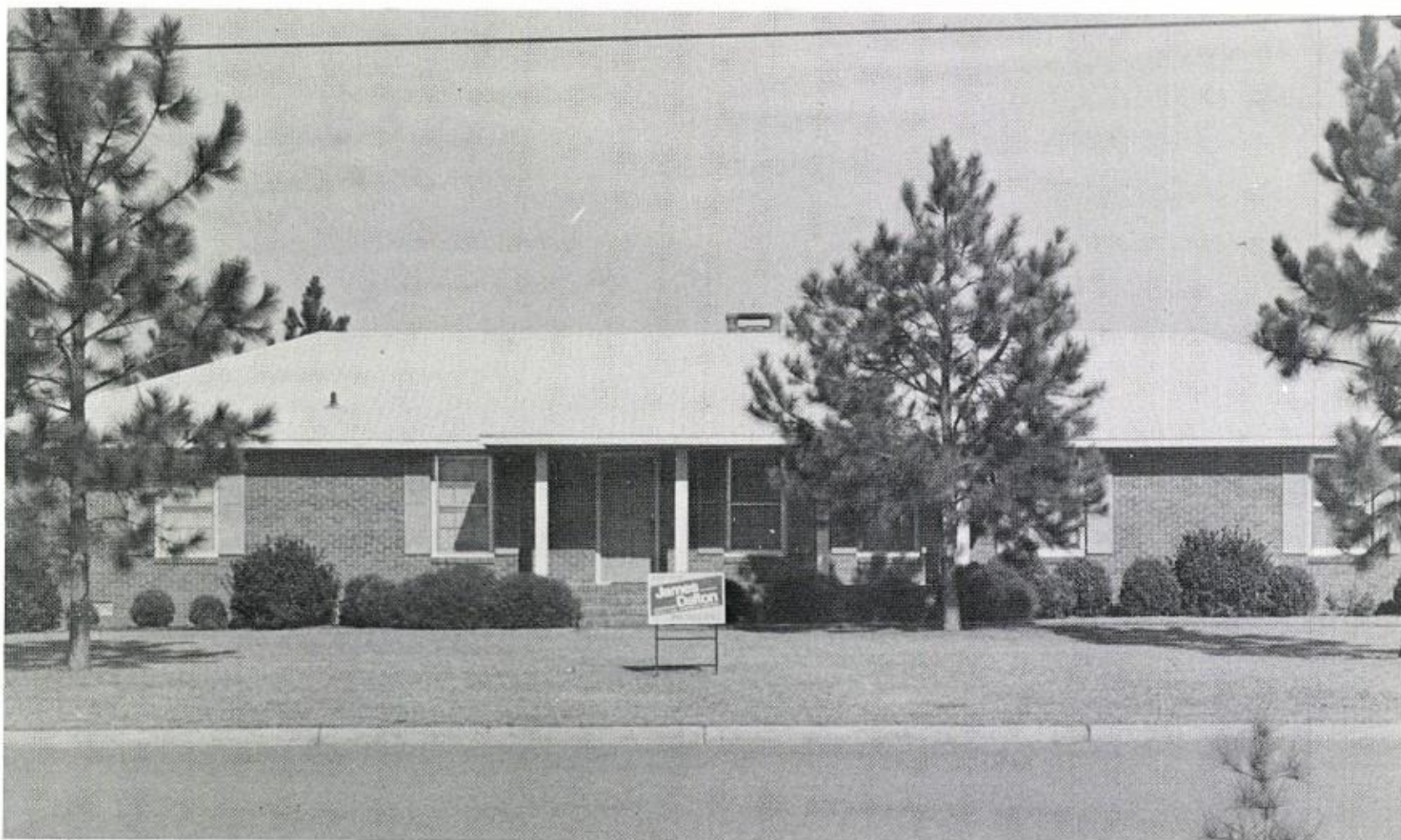
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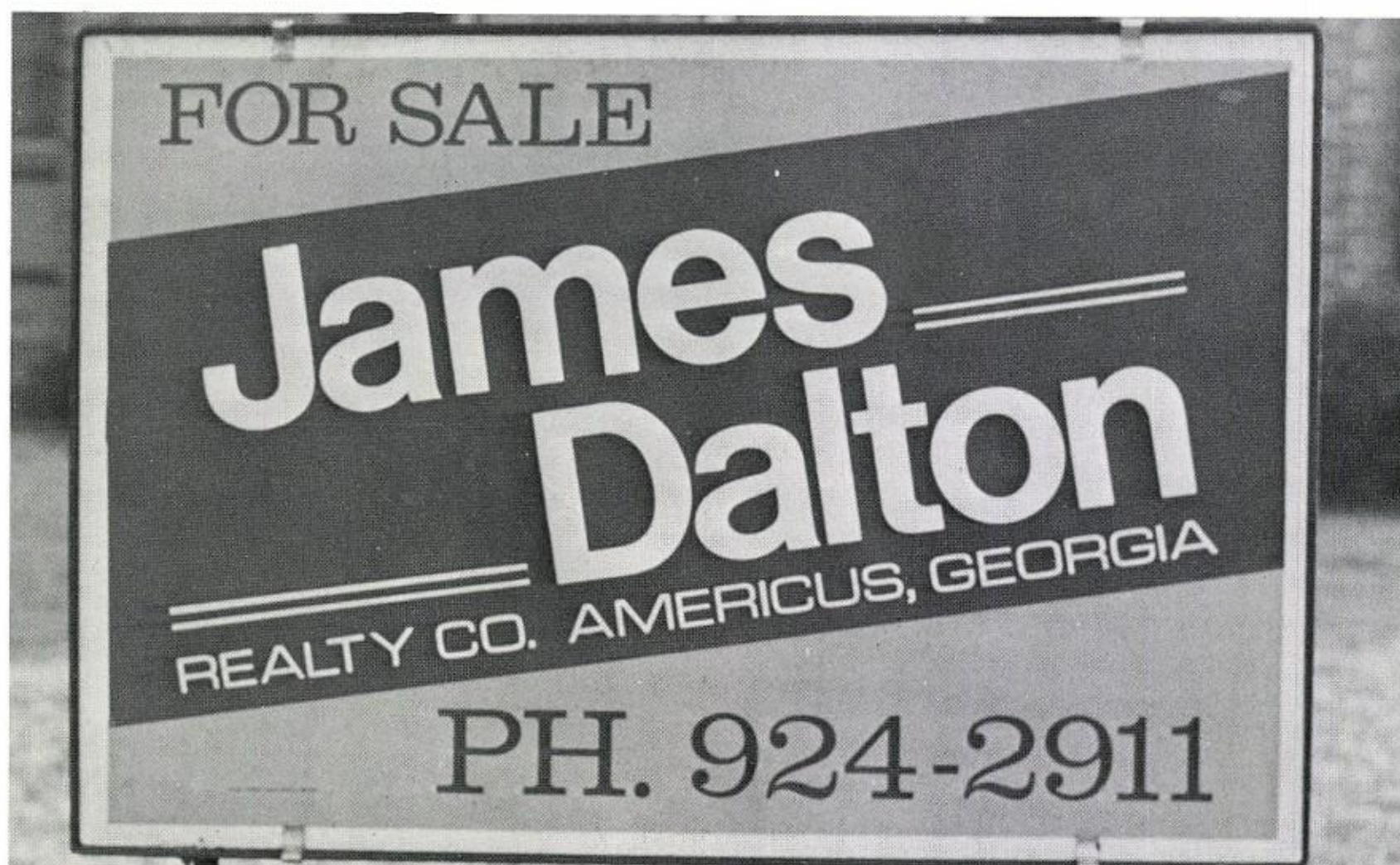
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